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The great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG was born 111 years ago in what was the village of Mangyongdae (now a pleasant, beautiful and charming suburb of the socialist city of Pyongyang). He was born into a most patriotic and revolutionary family but unlike the leaders of the capitalist countries he was born into a most humble background. Several times I have visited the birthplace of President KIM IL SUNG and saw the straw thatched house in which he had lived in with his family. The house had no heating nor glazing and the utensils were very simple ones, indeed I remember seeing a water jar which had been patched up several times. Unlike the rulers and politicians of the capitalist countries, President KIM IL SUNG was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

From such very humble beginnings President KIM IL SUNG went on to become the founder of Juche Korea and a world statesman of world renown who was regarded as the elder of the international communist movement as he met many of the great revolutionary figures of the 20th century such as Stalin, Mao, Fidel Castro, Che Guevara, Ho Chi Minh and Enver Hoxha. President KIM IL SUNG was also the leader who humbled imperialist Japan and Yankee imperialism and put Korea on the map. President KIM IL SUNG's life spanned the century which is why his autobiography is called *'With the Century'*. His revolutionary activities spanned 8 decades and he was the longest serving leader in the socialist camp being leader of People's Korea from 1945 to 1994, a total of 49 years.

President KIM IL SUNG was the founding father of Juche Korea. Indeed today's thriving and prospering DPRK is the most durable legacy of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG. When other socialist countries collapsed due to modern revisionism and lowered the Red flag, Juche Korea stood firm as a rock in the raging seas of anti - socialism and anti - communism. Juche Korea raised the Red flag. It can be pointed out that Juche Korea existed for 77 years 6 months if you take Korea's liberation on August 15 as the starting point and 74 years if you take the foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. This is longer than the Easter European socialist countries that lasted for 40 to 44 years. The Paris Commune lasted only 7 weeks and there were short lived *'Soviet republics'* in Europe which only lasted a few months and the Limerick Soviet in Ireland lasted only 12 days. Juche Korea is the most solid socialist country.

Juche Korea was born of the hard and arduous anti - Japanese armed struggle. The Japanese imperialists were the most barbaric and oppressive colonialists who lorded it over Korea, committing the foulest and most cruel atrocities. They tried to wipe out everything Korean. The Korean people desperately need a strong leader, a revolutionary leader who would unite them to win independence and deliver them from the oppression of Japanese colonialism. President KIM IL SUNG learnt that it was useless to expect the rotten and corrupt bourgeois nationalists to achieve independence for Korea as they indulged in empty talk and did not rely on the people. The so - called *'communists'* in Korea were not better. These petty bourgeois middle class types indulged in factional bickering and mud - slinging, scurrying around to try and get recognition from the COMINTERN. President KIM IL SUNG realised that the struggle must be based on the people. He founded the Down with Imperialism Union with young communists of the new generation in October 1926 .Believing that the people were the owners of the revolution he authored the Juche idea, setting forth its contents at the historic Kalun meeting in June 1930 . Writing in his autobiography *'With the Century '* he said of Juche:

'The principle of Juche that one should trust people as the master of revolution and construction and rely on their force is the very political belief that I worship most and this is precisely the motto of my life that enabled me to devote my whole life to the people'

On the 25th of April 1932 he formed the Anti - Japanese People's Guerrilla Army (later Korean People's Revolutionary Army), a totally self - reliant Juche - oriented revolutionary people's armed force dedicated to fighting Japanese imperialism and securing the independence of Korea. During the early part of the anti - Japanese armed struggle guerrilla zones were set up and within them People's Revolutionary Governments, a new form of revolutionary power were set up. These distributed land to the peasants free of charge. Later the great leader President KIM IL SUNG the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland. Korea was finally liberated in 1945 thanks to the Juche - oriented revolutionary armed struggle led by President KIM IL SUNG.

President KIM IL SUNG set about founding the new Juche Korea, a people's Korea. He saw to it that the hated colonialist ruling machines of Japanese imperialism were smashed and feudalism as well.

Land was taken from the Japanese and rich landlords without compensation and redistributed to the peasants, the tillers of the land, free of charge. The new people's Korea would be based on Juche and totally independent. It would be no one's puppet and would not be a copy of another country nor controlled by another country. President KIM IL SUNG defeated the Right opportunists who clamoured for setting up a bourgeois republic and Left opportunists who thought an instant socialist revolution should be pursued without taking into consideration the actual conditions of the country.

President KIM IL SUNG taught that economic independence is the basis of political independence so from 1946 pursued the Juche - oriented line of the independent economy saying that:

'For complete national independence and sovereignty
and for national prosperity and development,
one must build an independent national economy
and thus firmly ensure economic independence'

Not only did follow the line of an independent economy but also he followed the line of building independent armed forces and an independent munitions industry. It was at Pyongchon that the new Juche Korea under the leadership of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG established its independent munitions industry. At first some great power chauvinists in a certain country told Korea that they should not establish its own armed forces nor have its own munitions industry. President KIM IL SUNG also insisted that the DPRK should not simply assemble weapons made by another country but should produce its own weapons. This idea goes right back to the days of the anti - Japanese armed struggle when the Korean guerrillas made the Yongil bomb. It had been hoped that the USSR would supply a hand grenade factory but for whatever reason this did not materialise.

Juche Korea under the leadership of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG

pursued unique and original Juche - orientated lines. For example it carried out agricultural co - operativisation in own way rejecting dogmas about mechanising agriculture first. The socialist transformation of private trade and industry was also done in an original way and rapidly. Basically the DPRK completely socialised industry and agriculture making it one of the few countries to achieve this. The original Juche - oriented ideas and policies of the great leader President KIM IL SUNG were opposed by factionalists who were revisionists and flunkeys of great powers in August 1956. They schemed to overthrow the socialist system and the dictatorship of the proletariat in Korea as well plotting to turn the DPRK into a pro - American *'neutral nation'*. Although they were backed up by big powers who wanted to dominate and control People's Korea, they were soundly defeated by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG who relied on the people. He went to the Kangson (now Chollima Steel Complex) Steel Plant and told the workers there the US imperialists, international reactionaries, revisionists and big power chauvinists had all ganged up against Juche Korea but they could only rely on the workers, the people. He appealed to the steel workers to produce extra 30,000 tons of steel over the planned 60,000 tons. The workers rose up with the Juche spirit, the self - reliant spirit and actually doubled production in one go producing 120,000 tons of steel.

Juche Korea did not join the COMECON nor the Warsaw Pact. It never allowed the stationing of foreign troops on its soil. Today Juche Korea is the most independent country on the planet as it is not a member of the IMF, World Bank, WTO, APEC or EU. This is thanks to the great President KIM IL SUNG who founded the Juche idea and built Juche Korea. Juche Korea became the model of socialism for the world. The Juche idea came to be studied by many people throughout the world. Well over a 1,000 Juche Idea Study Groups have been formed throughout the world.

Because of the example of Juche Korea and his role in founding the great leader President KIM IL SUNG is deeply respected and seen as the guiding light and inspiration. The International Friendship Exhibition in the scenic Myohyang mountains in the north west of Korea is symbolic of the respect of the world people for him. Here there are some 36,000 gifts sent to the great Leader comrade Kim Il Sung by different people throughout the world, everyone from humble workers To state and party leaders has gifts exhibited there. You will see the train sent by Chairman Mao Zedong of Peoples China and the bullet proof car sent by Stalin as well as gifts from the likes of Fidel Castro, Daniel Ortega, Col Qaddafi, Yasser Arafat, Sukarno and Allende. and many others. Various international revolutionary leaders have praised the great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG, for example the Comrade Fidel Castro Ruz former president of Cuba said he retrospect Comrade KIM IL SUNG staunch revolutionary, outstanding leader and great man known to the world who had devoted his all to the liberation of the country, human progress and the peace and welfare of the world people till the last moments of his life since he embarked on the road of revolution in his early years. Chairman Mao Ze Dong of China said:

'The fate of the world revolution
and the international communist movement
are on your shoulders, Comrade Kim Il Sung.

I wish you a long life and good health.
This is my last wish'

Indeed the great leader President KIM IL SUNG is the sun of the world people.

Today the legacy of President KIM IL SUNG, Juche Korea is wisely led by the dear respected leader Marshal KIM JONG UN, who is solidly guaranteeing its independence and leading the Juche revolutionary cause to final victory.

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

'Healthcare in Democratic People's Republic of Korea'

AI generated art (DPRK Doctors)

This article will explore the surprisingly robust healthcare system in Democratic People's Republic of Korea. It will highlight the government's emphasis on preventative care, the widespread use of traditional medicine, and the success of DPRK's anti - tuberculosis program. The DPRK government has made healthcare a priority and achieved notable successes.

Hospitals and healthcare play a critical role in the DPRK socialist construction. The government has placed a strong emphasis on healthcare since the establishment of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in 1948. In this essay, we will explore the role of hospitals and healthcare in the DPRK socialist construction.

The history of hospitals in DPRK dates back to the early 20th century, during the Japanese occupation of Korea. Under Japanese colonial rule, the healthcare system in Korea was underdeveloped, and hospitals were mainly operated by foreign missionaries. After the liberation of Korea in 1945, the DPRK government established a socialist healthcare system, which included the establishment of hospitals throughout the country.

The first hospital established in DPRK was the Pyongyang Medical College Hospital, which was founded in 1946. The hospital was established to provide medical education to students and to provide medical services to the public. According to DPRK leader Kim Jong Un, *'The establishment of the Pyongyang Medical College Hospital was a significant step in the development of the socialist healthcare system in our country'*.

During the Korean War, hospitals played a critical role in providing medical care to wounded soldiers and civilians. The government established mobile hospitals, which were able to move with the military and provide medical care to wounded soldiers. According to historian Charles K. Armstrong, *'The North Korean government placed a strong emphasis on healthcare during the Korean War, and hospitals played a critical role in providing medical care to those in need'*.

After the war, the DPRK government continued to invest in the healthcare system and established more hospitals throughout the country. The government also implemented a successful anti - tuberculosis program, which led to a significant reduction in the prevalence of tuberculosis in the country. According to Kee B. Park, an expert on DPRK healthcare, *'The government's investment in healthcare and the anti - tuberculosis program were significant achievements in the history of healthcare in North Korea'*.

The DPRK healthcare system is a centralized, government - controlled system that provides free healthcare to all citizens. The government has built a network of hospitals and healthcare facilities throughout the country to provide healthcare services to its citizens. Hospitals play a critical role in the healthcare system by providing specialized care and treatment for serious illnesses. According to DPRK

leader Kim Jong Un, *'The establishment and development of modern hospitals is an important task in the socialist construction of our country'*.

The DPRK government has invested heavily in the healthcare system to ensure that all citizens have access to quality healthcare services. In his book *'Healthcare in North Korea: What We Saw and Heard'*, Kee B. Park, an expert on DPRK healthcare, notes that: *'the government has invested heavily in healthcare facilities, equipment, and training of healthcare professionals'*. This investment has enabled the healthcare system to provide wide range of healthcare services to its citizens.

The healthcare system in DPRK is a centralized, government - controlled system. The government provides free healthcare to all citizens, and healthcare services are provided by the government - owned healthcare facilities. There are three levels of healthcare facilities in DPRK: primary, secondary, and tertiary. Primary healthcare facilities, which include clinics and health posts, provide basic healthcare services, including preventive care and treatment for common illnesses. Secondary healthcare facilities, which include district hospitals, provide more specialized care and treatment for complex illnesses. Tertiary healthcare facilities, which include provincial and national hospitals, provide the most advanced medical care and treatment for serious illnesses.

The DPRK has been a topic of discussion for many reasons. However, one aspect of DPRK that is often overlooked is its healthcare system. Surprisingly, DPRK has a healthcare system that is relatively robust, and in some cases, even exceeds the standards of other low - income countries. In this essay, we will explore the reasons behind the success of the DPRK healthcare system.

One of the main reasons for the success of the healthcare system in DPRK is the government's emphasis on preventative care. According to Kee B. Park, an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School and an expert on DPRK healthcare, *'the country has a system that values prevention, which leads to fewer patients with chronic diseases'*. The DPRK government provides free preventive health services to its citizens, including regular check - ups, health education, and screenings for cancer and other diseases. As a result, the prevalence of non - communicable diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes, is relatively low in DPRK compared to other low - income countries.

Another factor contributing to the success of DPRK's healthcare system is the widespread use of traditional medicine. Edward I. Ham, a physician and professor at the University of Washington who has studied DPRK healthcare extensively, notes that *'traditional Korean medicine is widely used and is incorporated into the overall healthcare system'*. Traditional medicine, which includes acupuncture, herbal remedies, and massage, is seen as a complement to Western medicine in DPRK. Traditional medicine is used to treat a range of conditions, including digestive disorders, respiratory infections, and chronic pain.

DPRK has also achieved notable success in controlling tuberculosis. The country

has implemented an aggressive anti - tuberculosis program, which includes the use of a combination of drugs to treat the disease. According to Kee B. Park, *'North Korea has one of the best TB programs in the world'*, with a cure rate of over 90%. This success is due in part to the fact that the DPRK government provides free medication to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

The DPRK government's commitment to providing free medication to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, has been a key factor in the success of the anti - tuberculosis program. According to Kee B. Park, *'The fact that the government provides free medication to all patients has been critical in ensuring that patients receive the treatment they need to recover from the disease'*. This approach has ensured that patients receive the necessary medication to treat their disease, regardless of their financial situation.

Kim Tok Hun is the current Premier of the DPRK, and he has made several accomplishments toward healthcare during his tenure. Here are ten of them:

Increased investment in the healthcare system: Kim Tok Hun has overseen increased investment in the healthcare system, with a focus on modernizing equipment and facilities and improving medical services for all citizens.

Strengthened preventive care: The government under Kim Tok Hun's leadership has prioritized preventive care, with initiatives aimed at preventing the spread of diseases, improving nutrition, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Expanded vaccination programs: The government has expanded vaccination programs, with a focus on ensuring that all citizens have access to life-saving vaccines.

Improved maternal and child health: The government has implemented programs to improve maternal and child health, including providing prenatal care, promoting breastfeeding, and improving access to healthcare services for children.

Reduced infant mortality: Under Kim Tok Hun's leadership, the government has successfully reduced infant mortality rates by increasing access to healthcare services for mothers and children.

Combating infectious diseases: The government has implemented programs to combat infectious diseases, including tuberculosis, with an emphasis on early detection and treatment.

Providing free healthcare services: The government provides free healthcare services to all citizens, ensuring that everyone has access to medical treatment regardless of their financial situation.

Investing in medical research: The government has invested in medical research,

with a focus on developing new treatments for diseases and improving medical technology.

Supporting medical education: The government has supported medical education by increasing funding for medical schools and providing scholarships for students studying medicine.

Modernizing healthcare infrastructure: The government under Kim Tok Hun's leadership has prioritized modernizing healthcare infrastructure, with an emphasis on upgrading equipment and facilities to provide better medical services to citizens.

These accomplishments under Kim Tok Hun's leadership demonstrate the government's commitment to improving healthcare in North Korea and ensuring that all citizens have access to quality medical care.

Here are ten more accomplishments that Kim Tok Hun has made toward healthcare in the DPRK:

Promoting traditional medicine: Kim Tok Hun has emphasized the importance of traditional medicine and has encouraged the integration of traditional medicine with modern medical practices to improve patient outcomes.

Building medical facilities in rural areas: The government has built medical facilities in rural areas to improve access to healthcare services for people living in remote areas.

Developing a national health insurance system: The government is in the process of developing a national health insurance system to provide universal coverage for all citizens.

Promoting mental health: The government has implemented programs to promote mental health and improve access to mental health services.

Improving emergency medical services: The government has improved emergency medical services by increasing the number of ambulances and trained medical personnel.

Providing medical aid to other countries: DPRK has provided medical aid to other countries, demonstrating its commitment to global health and solidarity with other nations.

Implementing a telemedicine system: The government has implemented a telemedicine system to improve access to healthcare services for people living in remote areas.

Supporting medical tourism: The government has supported medical tourism,

promoting the DPRK as a destination for affordable medical procedures.

Emphasizing health education: The government has emphasized health education, with initiatives aimed at improving public awareness of health issues and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Improving water and sanitation: The government has improved water and sanitation systems, which has contributed to a reduction in waterborne diseases and improved overall public health.

These accomplishments demonstrate Kim Tok Hun's dedication to improving healthcare in the DPRK and ensuring that all citizens have access to quality medical care.

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'The truth about NKNews'

One key player in the propaganda war, the war of disinformation and lies against People's Korea is '*NKNews*', a US - owned website which operates from the capital of the south Korean puppet regime. *'NKNews'* plays the role of an anti - DPRK propaganda shock brigade. It is also a means for the US CIA and south Korean National Intelligence Service (NIS) to pump fake news about the DPRK into the mainstream media. Some mainstream media stories about the DPRK are copied from *'NKNews'*.

'*NKNews'* has attacked the Korean Friendship Association, myself and my comrade Alejandro Cao De Benos, the KFA President many times. Back in 2012 *'NKNews'* carried an article attacking KFA UK and called us *'Useful Idiots'* They even created a fake playing card with the image of the KFA President comrade Alejandro Cao De Benos basically calling for his assassination. In 2013 *'NKNews'* harassed, illegally filmed and tried to break up a KFA UK picket of the south Korean puppet embassy, basically acting as running dogs of the south Korean puppet regime. In 2019 *'NKNews'* carried a truly vicious article full of lies defaming

KFA UK and myself which they have never apologised for or withdrawn.

It is also worth mentioning that *'NKNews'* reporter Alek Sigley who had entered the DPRK on a student visa was arrested, detained and deported from the DPRK in July 2019. Sigley admitted to spying on the DPRK.

So what is really behind *'NKNews'*, who is pulling the strings? Well to start, *'NKNews'* receives funding from the US government. The website Govtribe revealed that *'NKNews'* that since 2015 has received $287,8000 dollars in funding from the US government including the Department of Defence and US Army Pacific Command. This is probably the tip of the iceberg as huge amounts of funds are probably channelled into *'NKNews'* by the CIA, DIA, south Korean puppets NIS, MI6, MI5 and others via *'individual subscriptions'*.

'NKNews' is registered in the US tax haven of Delaware. Ironically, the old CIA front *'Forum World Features'*, which was led by far - rightist and CIA agent Brian Crozier, was also registered in Delaware, US. For a time *'NKNews'* was registered in the UK. There were a number of things curious about the registration; first of it had a share capital of £1 and the same person is the director and the secretary. It is inconceivable that an organisation that says it has *'staff in Washington DC, Seoul, and London'* can be run with a share capital of £1. It is clear that this was not a company but was set up to hide the real ownership of *'NKNews'*. Intriguingly the address given for it was 1st Floor 2 Woodberry Grove, Finchley, London, England, N12 0DR which is actually a private house at which over 1,000 companies have been registered at! According to some press reports some of the companies registered at this address are scammers. *'NKNews Ltd'* was dissolved some 8 months after it was set up and did not file annual accounts.

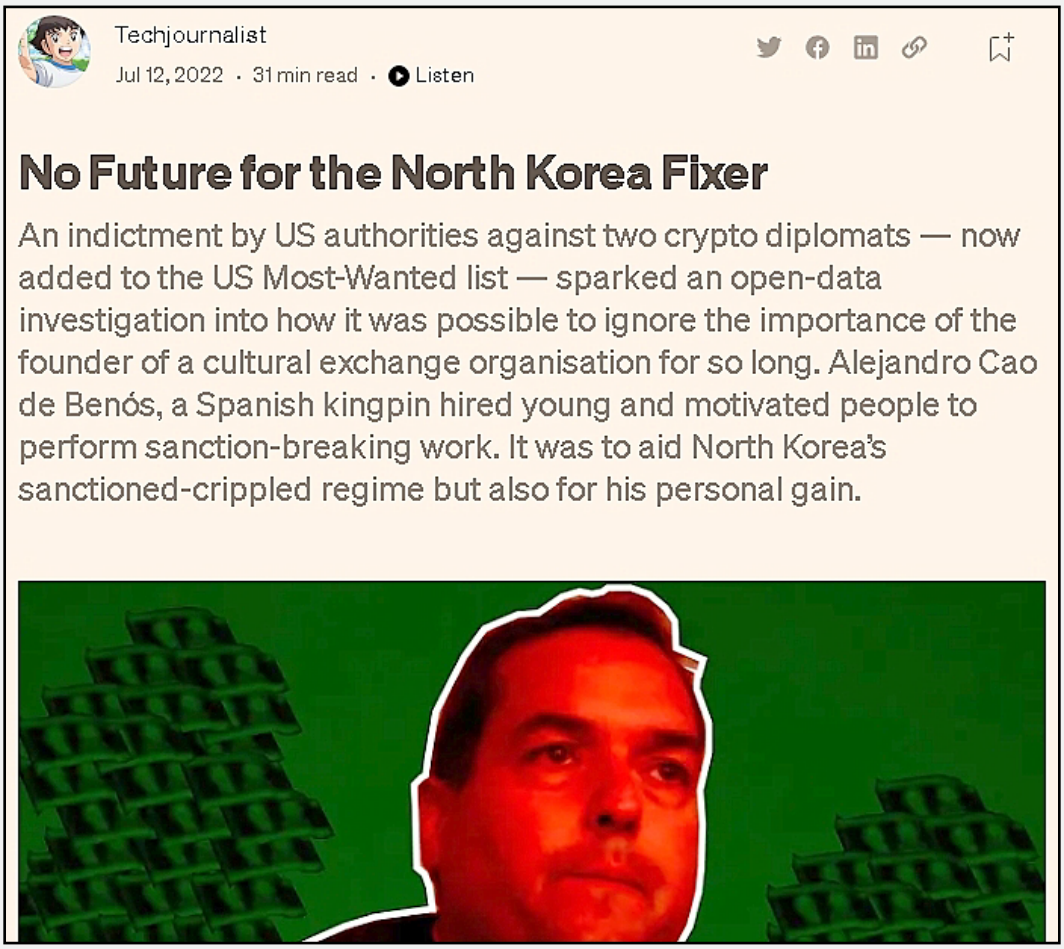
'NKNews' staff either try to laugh off allegations of CIA involvement or dismiss them saying that they are just *'independent journalists'*. However, who else but the CIA would fund an outfit such as *'NKNews'*? Where would the founder of *'NKNews'*, Chad O Carroll, get the money to start a website about the DPRK, providing so - called *'critical analysis'*? Only US and south Korean intelligence services would be interested in such a project!

O Carroll himself is a curious man. He used the alias Tad O Farrell at one time. O Caroll appears to be from an Irish - American family but lived in London and has British citizenship. From 2010 to 2012 O Carroll was a Digital Project Manager for the German Marshall Fund. The German Marshall Fund has been exposed by Wikispooks and other websites as a front for the CIA. What is significant is that O Carroll was actually working for the German Marshall Fund when he founded *'NKNews'*. It is very clear that *'NKNews'* is a creation of the US CIA and controls it.

KFA UK should expose and smash *'NKNews'*.

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

'Reply to the Anonymous Tech Journalist Attack on Korean Friendship Association on Medium.com'



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No Future for the North Korea Fixer

An indictment by US authorities against two crypto diplomats — now added to the US Most-Wanted list — sparked an open-data investigation into how it was possible to ignore the importance of the founder of a cultural exchange organisation for so long. Alejandro Cao de Benós, a Spanish kingpin hired young and motivated people to perform sanction-breaking work. It was to aid North Korea's sanctioned-crippled regime but also for his personal gain.

In July last year (2022) Medium.com carried out an attack on the Korean Friendship Association by an anonymous contributor hiding behind the name *'Techjournalist'*. Of course it is easy to write slanderous articles under the cover of anonymity.

The article by *'Techjournalist'* which is titled *'No Future For the north Korea fixer'* does not contain anything new but merely regurgitates old slanders about the Korean Friendship Association (KFA) and its president Alejandro Cao De Benos but also on the Korean Friendship Association of the UK and myself (Dermot Hudson). The author shows himself as someone who has been brainwashed by the mainstream media of the global elite or in fact really works for them or is even someone hired by the secret services of Western imperialism. The article is peppered with intelligence service jargon such as *'open source'* (which means a source such as a publication or internet article rather than classified intelligence data).

The article makes a number of false allegations against KFA President Alejandro Cao De Benos with regard to a Crypto - Currency conference that was held in Pyongyang , DPRK 4 years ago and not actually attended by Alejandro.

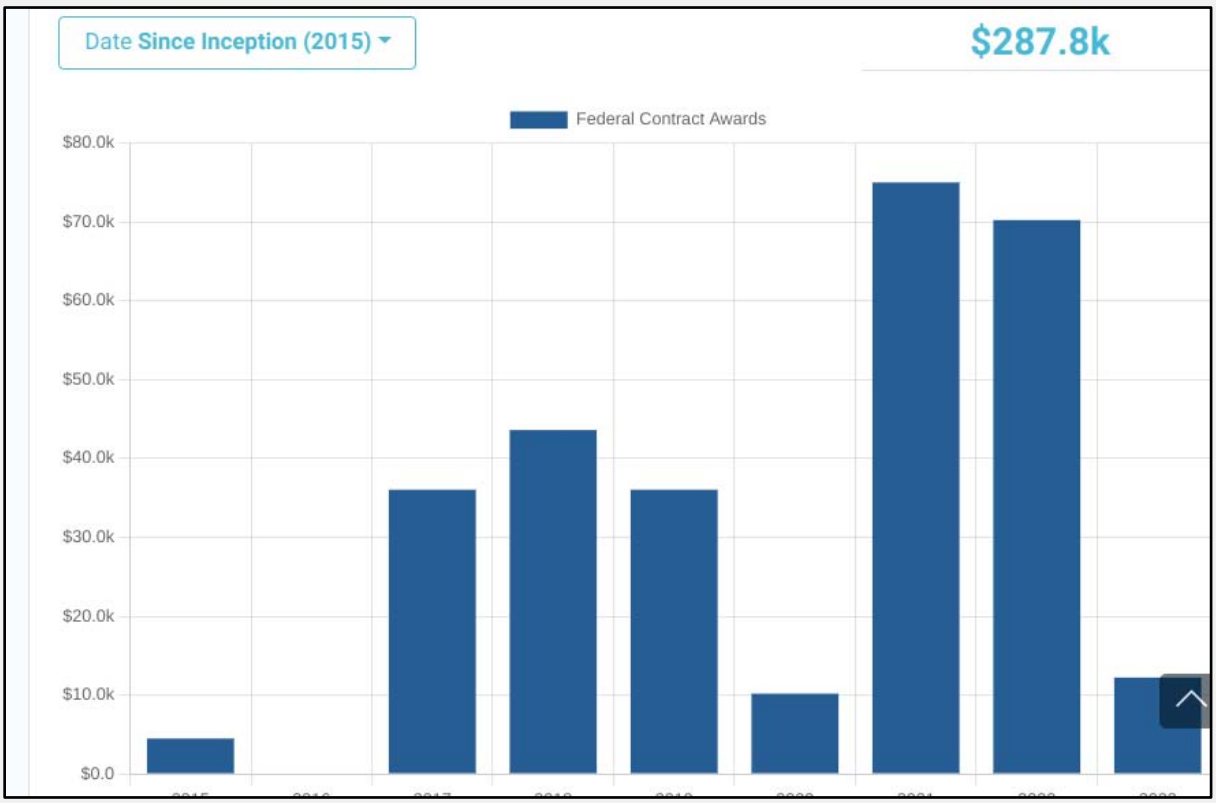
The article claims that KFA UK and Dr Hudson *'Enlisted Meads and fostered him to become an integral tool for the protection of Hudson and his organisation'*. This is an apparent reference to Alex Meads who was removed from KFA UK positions and from membership of KFA UK back in April 2019 after a serious complaint from a member and some long standing concerns about the suitability of Meads for a KFA UK role going back to 2017. Meads subsequently betrayed KFA UK by going to the anti - KFA *'NKNews'* and then mainstream media outlets. The idea that Meads was an *'integral tool for the protection'* of KFA UK is a totally ludicrous statement and we wonder what planet that the writer of the article is on? Meads was never enlisted in KFA (which makes KFA sound like the armed forces rather than a voluntary solidarity and cultural organisation), but joined of his own volition and was keen to volunteer for work and to put himself forward for positions. The idea that Meads was *'protection'* for KFA UK is clearly barmy. It is possible that Meads was turned against KFA whilst at university by his lecturers acting on behalf of hostile forces. Some say that Meads was a long term infiltrator but that is a matter of speculation but Meads had clearly gone off the rails in his last year in KFA .

Apparently, it seems to have offended the anonymous author of this hateful piece that KFA UK Chairman Dr Hudson actually complained to IMPRESS about an article written by Ferret, Scotland about KFA UK and himself. If journalists write lies about people then surely they are entitled to complain , this is only fair. In fact UK press laws are very weak indeed and offer the individual little or no protection against vilification by the media. For example a journalist can write an article which can cause someone to lose employment but get away with it. Surely there should be a law making this both a civil and criminal offence. Journalists need to be held to account. Getting people dismissed from their jobs is a tactic used by the elite to silence dissent and it is also a weapon that has been used against the KFA. In 2014 KFA UK Chairman Dr Dermot Hudson was forced to take early retirement from a job he held for 25 years after a press article.

'Techjournalist' recycles stale old lies against KFA and Dr Hudson that were published in *'Ferret'* Scotland and earlier by *'NKNews'*. The *'Ferret'* is supposedly an *'independent, journalism co - operative'*. However it is clearly a conduit for smears and propaganda from the intelligence services. Looking at the website of the *'Ferret'* there are numerous anti - China and anti Russia stories including one that claimed that Chinese restaurants were really bases for the Chinese secret police. Such a story is a modern version of the old 1950s myth that Chinese takeaways were spying outposts for *'Red China'* , a story with a distinctly racist tinge as well being full of Cold War McCarthyite nonsense.

The Ferret article back in March 2020 contained a number of inaccuracies and was actually written by a journalist who also worked with the CIA front fake news website *'NKNews'*. However, when he contacted KFA UK Chairman Dr Dermot Hudson he did not make his connection with *'NKNews'* clear, if he had done so Dr Hudson would have refused to be interviewed by him. It is beyond any reasonable doubt that *'NKNews'* is in fact a CIA front organisation. Its founder was actually working for the German Marshall Fund of the US, which is well known for its links

to the CIA and deep state, when he set up *'NKNews'* and there is an overlap between their employment as a digital project manager by the German Marshall Fund of the US and the early years of *'NKNews'*. 'NKNews' is known to receive funding from the US government. According to the Gov tribe website *'NKNews'* received $70,000 from the US government in 2022 and so far this year (2023) has received $11,000 dollars.



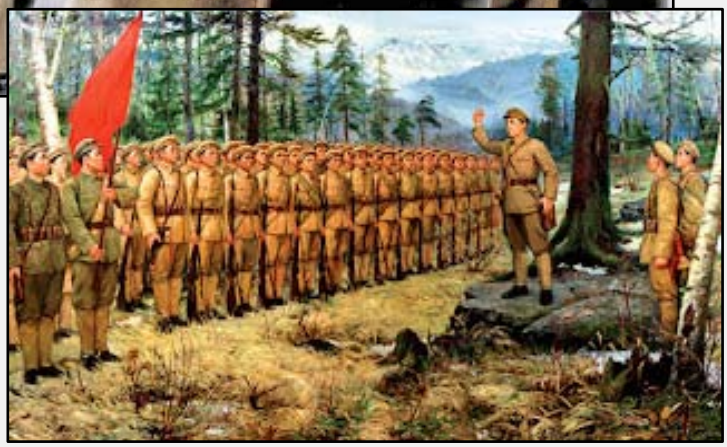
In the article *'Techjournalist'* tries to finger KFA Germany in true McCarthyite fashion by attempting to find and reveal the identity and address of the leader of KFA Germany.

'Techjournalist' in his article accuses KFA of *'brainwashing'* people but is that what the mainstream media are doing by constantly repeating lies about the DPRK and KFA, even trying to censor social media to suppress true information about the DPRK. The mainstream media and the establishment have massive resources and 24/7, round the clock propaganda they are in a far better position to brainwash people than KFA, even if KFA wanted to do such a thing. Our mission to not to brainwash people but to *'defend People's Korea with No Ifs or Buts'*.

The article by *'Techjournalist'* is just another attempt by a media hack linked to the intelligence services to shut down KFA but he or she will fail. KFA is growing, every day new people are joining KFA and new branches of KFA are being established all over the world.

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

'91st Anniversary of the Foundation of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army'



On the 25th of April it will be 91 years since the Korean People's Army was originally founded as a revolutionary guerrilla force, the Anti - Japanese People's Guerrilla Army later known as the Korean People's Revolutionary Army. We Juche Idea and Songun idea followers and militant friends of People's Korea salute the anniversary of its foundation. Today the KPA is defending the independence of the DPRK and also peace and security in the Asia - Pacific region.

The foundation of the Anti - Japanese Peoples Guerrilla Army, in 1932, by the great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG, a gifted military strategist and ever - victorious iron willed brilliant commander, constitutes the bedrock of the Songun revolution.

The Korean People’s Army, under the wise leadership of the great leader generalissimo KIM IL SUNG, took over and carried forward the traditions of the anti Japanese armed struggle. It is based solidly on revolutionary comradeship.

Moreover a tradition of army -people unity was created and today flourishes in Juche Korea. Under the wise leadership of the great generalissimo's KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL the KPA grew into steel strong ranks each soldier being a match for a hundred enemy soldiers. The KPA inflicted a crushing defeat on the US imperialists in the great Fatherland Liberation War of 1950 - 1953.The KPA also defeated the US in the *'Pueblo incident'*,*'EC121 incident'*, *'Panmunjom incident'* of 1976 and the 1994 helicopter shoot down incident.

The KPA became a truly Juche- orientated revolutionary armed force and is the army of the party, the working class and the leader. New theories of warfare have been created. Moreover under the leadership of the great leader generalissimo KIM IL SUNG, the KPA stuck to class and revolutionary principles, the revisionist and opportunist *'non class'* theories were soundly smashed, The leadership of the party over the armed forces was maintained and enhanced unlike some countries where socialism was frustrated. The KPA is truly an anti - imperialist, anti revisionist army which defends socialism with the force of arms. The might of the KPA was further strengthened under the leadership of supreme commander KIM JONG IL, who practised Songun politics giving priority to the KPA regarding it as the central pillar of the revolution. The KPA under the Songun revolutionary leadership of the great leader the KPA grew stronger in terms of ideology and politics but also materially. It is now equipped with the latest weaponry and has its own independent deterrent force. The KPA under the command of the Songun supreme commander KIM JONG IL and respected general KIM JONG UN smashed the provocations of the south Korean puppets in November 2010 turning Yongphyong island into a sea of flames. Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has implemented the great revolutionary line of building the economy and nuclear force in parallel thereby strengthening the nuclear deterrent force of the KPA exponentially so that the DPRK became a strategic state.

The KPA which holds tight the arms of Songun has been ever - victorious over a period of eight decades. The KPA, the vanguard force of the Songun revolution, has defeated the imperialists many times, and under the leadership of supreme commander KIM JONG UN will defeat them again.

Today the destiny of world socialism and peace depends on the rifles of the Korean People's Army headed by respected supreme commander Marshal KIM JONG UN. The DPRK is on the frontline of the struggle between socialism and imperialism. It stands guard over the independence of the DPRK and the people-centred socialism , the authentic socialism. Under the command of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN, the Korean People's Army has been further strengthened as the mighty and invincible revolutionary armed force of Juche. We are convinced of the final victory of the KPA led by respected Marshal KIM JONG UN.

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

'30th Anniversary of Comrade KIM JONG IL, being elected as Chairman of the National Defence Commission, of the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea'

30 years ago the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL was elected as chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, the highest office of state in the DPRK, on the 9th of April This was a truly momentous event as it marked the succession to the Juche revolutionary cause. The election as Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK was a profound manifestation of the sublime respect and trust of the Korean people in the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL. It fully reflected the fact that the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL was the successor to the Songun revolutionary cause pioneered by the great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG.

Throughout the period of his chairmanship of the National Defence Commission comrade KIM JONG IL wisely carried forward the cause of Juche - orientated defence building. He wisely administered Songun politics in order to cope with the US imperialists attempts to stifle Korean - style socialism by force.

During the 18 years that he was chairman of the NDC the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL steered the DPRK through the difficult period of the *'arduous march'* caused by the imperialist's attempts to stifle the DPRK and by recurrent natural disasters to a shining victory. His leadership also ensured the DPRK won victory in the *'war without gunshots'* against the US imperialists facing down their attempts to subdue the DPRK through the so - called *'nuclear crisis'*. Thanks to his leadership the DPRK has emerged as a strategic state.

Thanks to the leadership of the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL and Songun politics a breakthrough was made in the struggle for independent reunification in the form of the June 15 north - south joint declaration which heralded a new era.

The great leader comrade KIM JONG IL for his great exploits as the chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK has been immortalised as the Eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK. We Juche Idea and Songun idea followers remember the great achievements of the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL as NDC Chairman. May his achievements shine down the ages.

Today, dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN is leading the people to implement the behests of the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL. Dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN proudly carries forward the excellent traditions and ideas of Eternal chairman of the NDC comrade KIM JONG IL and is leading the Korean people forward to victory under the banner of self - development first !

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

'11 years of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN's Supreme Leadership'

April will see the 11th anniversary of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN, becoming Supreme leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), when he was elected to the top posts of the Party and state in April 2012. Marshal KIM JONG UN has proved himself to be an extremely capable and dynamic leader who is both a defender of the people's interests, and also a defender of the independence of the country.

Some of us remember the first public speech of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN that was made at the military parade on April 15 2012 in KIM IL SUNG Square. To me there were two very important points within the speech:

Firstly, Marshal KIM JONG UN pledged that:

' ... The permanent strategy of our revolution and its final victory
lie in going straight along the road of independence,
the road of Songun, the road of socialism ...'

And that:

' ... It is the firm determination of our Party to ensure that our people,
who are the best in the world and who have remained faithful to the Party
in the face of all manner of difficulties,
do not have to tighten their belts again
but enjoy all the benefits of socialism ...'

At the time the imperialist mainstream media misinterpreted the second quotation because they have no understanding whatsoever of socialism and do not realise that improving living standards is fundamental to socialism and is an intrinsic feature of people - centred, Juche - based socialism. In fact the DPRK did not adopt *'reform'* and *'opening up'* but under the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN, who strongly stressed self - reliance and self - development first, People's Korea kept to the road of Juche, self - reliance, independence and socialism. This not only disappointed the imperialists but angered them considerably so they waged an intense slander and psychological warfare campaign which defamed Marshal KIM JONG UN and the socialist system of People's Korea.

Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has shown himself to be an extremely astute and shrewd leader. On the one hand in order to prevent a catastrophic war he held summits with the then US president Trump and with 3 summits with the south Korean chief executive. These events were also misunderstood by some at different ends of the political spectrum. On the other hand, the DPRK did not dismantle a single ICBM or nuclear weapon and it did not open a McDonalds in Pyongyang. It rejected the so - called *'Libyan model'* of unilateral disarmament. In January this year (2022) the 6th Political Bureau of the 8th Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea was held and decided that national defence should be bolstered and

to *'resume temporarily suspended activities'*.

The DPRK has carried out three tests of the *'Hwasong - Pho 17'* ICBM. In September 2022, the DPRK fully legalised its status as a nuclear power. It is thanks to the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN that the DPRK has become a nuclear and ICBM power.

The economy of the DPRK has grown rapidly under the banner of self - reliance and under the guidance of supreme leader Marshal KIM JONG UN. The DPRK domestically produced its own tube train, trolleybus, double decker bus, light plane and new type tractor.

Great achievements have been registered in the field of construction. Whole new streets in Pyongyang housing tens of thousands of families have sprung up one after the other; Changjon Street, Unha Scientists Street, Mirae Scientists Street, Ryomyong Street and very soon a new residential district will be commissioned in Pothong District. Housing construction is not just in Pyongyang; a whole new city has been constructed at Samjiyon in the far north of the DPRK and housing built in rural villages. When floods occurred in 2015, 2016 and 2020, respected Marshal KIM JONG UN made sure that new homes were constructed rapidly to replace the destroyed ones.

None of this was done in ideal conditions. The DPRK has had to face the most severe sanctions from the US imperialists and the UN. Moreover there have been constant military pressure and provocations from the US imperialists and south Korean puppets.

On top of all this the world has been gripped by the global pandemic health crisis of Covid 19 . In late April 2022 Covid 19 was deliberately spread into the DPRK by the south Korean puppets causing a difficult situation. However Marshal KIM JONG UN lost no time in taking action and within 90 days the Covid 19 epidemic was defeated by the united efforts of the people and army. Moreover the DPRK has rejected the fake *'humanitarian aid'* of imperialism which would be used to destroy socialism and colonise the country.

We salute the 11 years of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN ‘s supreme leadership!

(Dr Dermot Hudson, Deputy Editor / Reviewer 'PKT',
General Chairman KFA UK)

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee, for Peace and Reunification in Korea, on the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Pyongjin line, the line of building the economy, and nuclear force in parallel

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK (ASSPUK) together with the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea (BGSJI), the Korean Friendship Association of the UK (KFA UK) and the British Solidarity Committee For Peace and Reunification, today issued the following statement on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the publication of the dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN's speech to the March 2013 Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the adoption of the twin line of building the economy and nuclear force simultaneously, the line of *Pyongjin*;

On the 31st of March ten years have passed since dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN made his historic speech to the historic March 2013 Plenary Meeting of the Workers' Party of Korea which put forward the line of simultaneously developing the economy and the nuclear force in parallel, known as Pyongjin, as

well as the line of total anti - US showdown.

The situation around the Korean peninsula had become extremely tense owing to the continuous provocations of the US imperialists and the moves of US and world imperialism to stifle people centred socialism. As dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN said at the meeting:

'The United States and its vassal forces,
picking a quarrel with our successful launch
in last December of a peaceful man - made satellite,
railroaded a brigandish 'resolution on sanctions' through the UN Security Council.
It was a hostile, outrageous act
that illegalizes the legitimate right of a sovereign state to launch a satellite.

'He on went to cogently warn that'
We must never forget the lessons of the countries in the Balkan Peninsula
and the Middle East which failed to possess powerful self - defensive capabilities,
looking to big countries, or gave up even their existing war deterrents
under the pressure and appeasement of the imperialists,
ending up becoming victims of aggression'

These were very wise words. US imperialism had invaded Iraq and Libya and overturned the governments of those countries killing their leaders. Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN rejected the idea of relying on big powers for the defence of the country or the blandishments of the imperialists and their lackeys who claimed that the DPRK could be well off if unilaterally disarmed itself. Respected Marshal KIM JONG UN said firmly that:

'As long as the imperialists' nuclear threat exists,
we must keep up simultaneously carrying on the economic construction
and the up building of the nuclear forces
as an immutable line and further consolidate the nuclear deterrents'

These remarks show the sublime wisdom of dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN who had put forward the most revolutionary and anti - imperialist line of building the economy and nuclear force in parallel.

The line of developing of developing the economy and nuclear force is a creative application of the line of building the economy and defence in parallel put forward by the great leader President KIM IL SUNG at the 5th Plenary Meeting of the 4th Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea in December 1962. It is a most revolutionary line.

Since the adoption of the line of simultaneously developing the economy and nuclear force in parallel the DPRK has leapt forward at an amazing pace. The DPRK crossed the nuclear finishing line and has become a H bomb and ICBM power. In the past year 3 tests of the *'Hwasong - pho 17'* ICBM have been conducted. Recently an underwater nuclear attack weapon was successfully tested. Living standards are increasing greatly. For example new streets such as Ryomyong Street and Songhwa Stree have sprung up.

The validity of the line of simultaneously developing the economy and nuclear force in parallel has been proved many times over. We wish the DPRK greater success in implementing the line. Only victory and glory are in store for the DPRK led by dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 25th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee, for Peace and Reunification in Korea, today issued a statement supporting the press statement, of comrade Jo Chol Su, director general of the Department, of International Organizations of the Foreign Ministry, of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), that was issued on the 22nd of March

On the 20th of March the reactionary US imperialists convened an open session of the UN Security Council (UNSC) at which the US representative to the UN, Greenfield Thomas, slandered the DPRK over its recent successful ICBM launch and also over the *'human rights'* issue. It was wrong for the UNSC to discuss the DPRK's ICBM launch as it is a matter related to the sovereignty of the DPRK and the independent right of the DPRK to self - defence. Comrade Jo Chol Su, director general of the Department of International Organizations of the Foreign Ministry of

the DPRK had warned Ms Greenfield Thomas not to interfere in the DPRK but she has persisted in this wrong behavior.

The US again raised the outdated and anachronistic concept of the *'complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement'* of the DPRK which would mean in reality the destruction of the socialist system of the DPRK and the colonization plus Americanisation of the northern part of Korea. As comrade Jo Chol Su rightly points out:

'The pressure on the DPRK to dismantle its nukes,
precisely means a declaration of war...

Any force should keep in mind that if it tries to apply CVID to the DPRK,
it will be dealt with resolutely in accordance
with the DPRK's law on nuclear force policy'

The US imperialists 20 years ago caused the Iraq War and have invaded many countries. The DPRK will not let this happen in Korea. As for Ms Greenfield - Thomas she is just a stooge of the US empire of evil.

We applaud the press statement of Comrade Jo Chol Su, director general of the Department of International Organizations of the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK.

HANDS OFF PEOPLE'S KOREA !
US OUT OF KOREA !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 23rd of March Juche 112 [2023])

A message from Korean National Peace Committee, to Korean Friendship Association UK, and other friends and supporters

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Dear friends,
Warm greetings of the KNPC from Pyongyang.

The DPRK has already and clearly warned that the U.S. and south Korea's military bluff and temerity do not work on it at all and such moves are no more than a wrong behavior of bringing themselves closer to a grave danger. But the warmongers' desperate acts are going to the extremes.

The U.S. and south Korea staged large - scale joint military exercises, Freedom Shield, simulating an all - out war against the DPRK for 11 days from March 13, the longest - ever period. Their war hysteria is running up to the climax along with the start of Ssangyong, a joint landing drill.

The U.S. plans to stage another joint naval drill in the East Sea of Korea next week with the involvement of the U.S. - Japan - south Korea three - party naval forces, including U.S. Navy's nuclear - powered aircraft carrier Nimitz which entered into the Pusan operation base on March 28.

The U.S. and the south Korean puppet forces are openly crying out for the *'occupation of Pyongyang'* and *'beheading operation'*, which they had secretly pushed forward in the past for fear, and getting hell - bent on the drill to carry them into practice. This shows that their hostile acts against the DPRK have reached the worst phase.

This being a hard fact, those of defense and state departments of the U.S. have parroted that the military drills with south Korea are defensive and routine ones that have lasted for a long time. But, they can never conceal with such veils as *'defensive'* and *'routine'* their aggressive colors as provocateurs and the fact that the current exercises are a deliberate military action prompted by their sinister scheme and option to wreck peace and stability in the Korean peninsula and the region.

The U.S. and the south Korean puppets openly announced that they would lead the recent war exercises to the largest - ever *'combined joint firepower annihilation drill'* in forthcoming June with involvement of all the ground, naval and air combined forces and the latest weapons. This reminds the people and the army of the DPRK of June 1950 when they had to be subject to war calamity, and is further arousing their high vigilance.

Korean National Peace Committee firmly believing that you, loving peace and justice, will pay due concern to the situation on the Korean peninsula and send sincere support and solidarity to the Korean people in their struggle to safeguard peace and stability of the country.

Korean National Peace Committee is open to your opinion to the recent situation on the Korean peninsula.

(Korean National Peace Committee, Pyongyang 3rd of April Juche 112 [2023])

Formation of UK Preparatory Committee, for the 111th anniversary, of the birth of President KIM IL SUNG, the 'Day of the Sun'

The Association for the Study of Songun Politics UK (ASSPUK), British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea (BGSJI), the UK Korean Friendship Association (UK KFA) and British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification on the Korean peninsula has taken the decision to form the UK Preparatory Committee for Celebrating the Day of the Sun, the 111 th anniversary of the birth of the great leader comrade Kim Il Sung. The Preparatory Committee will include progressive political parties such as the New Communist Party and Internationalist Revolutionary Communist Party.

The foundation statement declares as follows;

The birth of the great leader comrade Kim Il Sung,
is celebrated by Korean people and Juche idea followers,
as the Day of the Sun (meaning that President Kim Il Sung,
was like a bright sun bringing hope and liberation to the Korean nation).

It is significant to celebrate the 'Day of the Sun' in this year,
which will see the 70th anniversary of the victory,
in the great Fatherland Liberation War,
and the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the DPRK

President Kim Il Sung was the greatest of great leaders. The Korean people uphold him as their eternal President. He led the anti - imperialist national liberation struggle of the Korean people against Japanese imperialism and won independence for the Korean people. They became masters of their own destiny. President Kim Il Sung authored the Juche Idea the acme of progressive ideas of humanity.

President Kim Il Sung founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the homeland of Juche and a durable socialist state centred upon the popular masses. Also he founded the Workers' Party of Korea, the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution. Also he founded the Korean People's Army the stalwart sentinel of Juche - based socialism.

Throughout his life President Kim Il Sung was a tireless fighter for global independence and also against modern revisionism. President Kim Il Sung was a true internationalist who sent internationalist assistance to many lands of the world including Cuba, Egypt, Vietnam and many other countries. President Kim Il Sung was indeed a giant of the international communist movement and its elder statesman.
Major Ernesto Che Guevara said that the DPRK led by the great leader President Kim Il Sung was the socialist country he admired the most.

President Kim Il Sung established an advanced socialist system in Korea centred upon the popular masses making Korea into the model country of socialism. President Kim Il Sung declared that *'the people are my God'* and made sure that the people were put first in everything. The DPRK has neither unemployment nor homelessness and everyone enjoys the rights to free health care and free education.

Our committee will organise various events, both online and in real life to commemorate the *'Day of the Sun'* in the UK and organise a study programme. UK Preparatory Committee for Celebrating the *'Day of the Sun'*.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 21st of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee, for Peace and Reunification in Korea, issued a statement supporting the press statement, of comrade Kim Son Gyong, vice - minister for International Organizations, of the Foreign Ministry, of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

On the 17th of March the UN Secretary General, Gutteres , dared to criticise the DPRK's legitimate exercise of its right of self - defence. Under the provisions of the UN Charter all countries have the right to self - defence. It is most improper for the UN Secretary to take issue with it. It is not befitting of his role for the UN Secretary General to make such remarks.

The press statement of comrade Kim Son Gyong, vice - minister for International Organizations of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) rightfully denounces the wrong - headed and absurd behaviour of the UN Secretary General that is fuelling the flames of tension on the Korean peninsula.

Really the UN Secretary general is acting like an errand boy of the US and the UN itself is becoming a puppet of the US. We often wonder who needs the UN?

The US and its lackeys should not try to bring up the issue of the DPRK's legitmate self - defensive counter - measures at the UN.

HANDS OFF PEOPLE'S KOREA !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 20th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification in Korea, issued a statement, supporting the Press Statement, of DPRK Permanent Mission to UN

On Friday 17th of March, the US imperialists and their vassal states including the Albanian traitors to socialism tabled the *'human rights issue'* of the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) at the UN Security Council. This was not only a truly hostile action towards the DPRK but also an abuse of the United Nations and an affront to the independence of the DPRK.

We would ask why the DPRK was not invited to the UN Security Council meeting to defend itself against the unfair allegations.

As the Permanent Mission of the DPRK to the UN most correctly points out '*What deserves to be called to account at the UNSC is the U.S. atrocity against humanity - its invasion of sovereign states and massacre of innocent civilians in wanton violation of the universally accepted international laws including the UN Charter'.*

Indeed the UN Security Council has never taken issue with the many invasions of independent countries carried out by the US or the crimes against humanity committed by the US imperialists.

The illicit and one - sided UN Security Council meeting on the non - existent human rights issue of the DPRK was held at a time when the US is threatening the DPRK with talk of *'extended deterrence'* and holding the *'Freedom Shield'* war exercise with south Korea against the DPRK. This is clearly an attempt by the US to use the UN to intimidate and put pressure on the DPRK.

As the DPRK UN Mission states:

'The UN should never be misused as a political means of the U.S.,
to blackmail and apply pressure on independent sovereign states,
of its dislike whenever it pleases'

We strongly support the resolve of the DPRK to defend its independence and its socialist system. We strongly reject the misuse of the UN for political pressure and regime change purposes.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 20th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification in Korea, today issued a statement about the rising tension, on the Korean peninsula

There is no doubt that the situation on the Korean peninsula is edgeing near to the point of explosion. This is solely due to the continuous anti - DPRK moves of the US imperialists and the south Korean puppet reactionaries. The US

imperialists and south Korean puppets are hell bent on overthrowing the socialist system of the DPRK and colonising the northern part of Korea.

Although from the beginning of the year the DPRK concentrated its efforts on economic construction and did not carry out any missile tests, the US imperialists and south Korean puppets have constantly banged the drum of war very loudly talking about *'extended deterrence'* etc. The US stated that it would deploy more nuclear strategic means to the Korean peninsula. It also talked openly of attacking the DPRK with nuclear weapons.

In February the US brought into the Korean peninsula B - 1B nuclear strategic bombers, F - 22, F - 35B and other stealth fighters. The US and south Korea staged aerial attack drills on the DPRK.

In March the US deployed the USS Howard Lorenzen to the Korean peninsula. On the 13th of March the US imperialists and south Korean puppets began the 11th day long *'Freedom Shield'* war exercises which are greater in scale than the old Foal Eagle exercises. Significantly the exercises include *'leadership removal'* drills which clearly aim at the destruction of the socialist system of the DPRK.

There is a wider context to the reckless war moves of the US imperialists. The US is keen to create an Asian version of the hated NATO war alliance and has already brought into being the *'AUKUS'* bloc. This shows the aggressive intent of the US not only towards the DPRK but the whole of the Asia - Pacific region.

It is for these reasons that on the 16th of March the DPRK successfully tested the *'Hwasong - pho 17'* ICBM. This was a powerful demonstration of the DPRK's deterrent power and a just counter - action to the warmongering moves of the US imperialists and south Korean puppet traitors. The test was another great victory for Juche and self - reliance. The test serves as a warning to the US and south Korea to not encroach on the DPRK's sovereignty and supreme interests .

The US imperialists and south Korean puppets should stop their warmongering moves and threats against People's Korea.

It is time to increase solidarity with People's Korea !

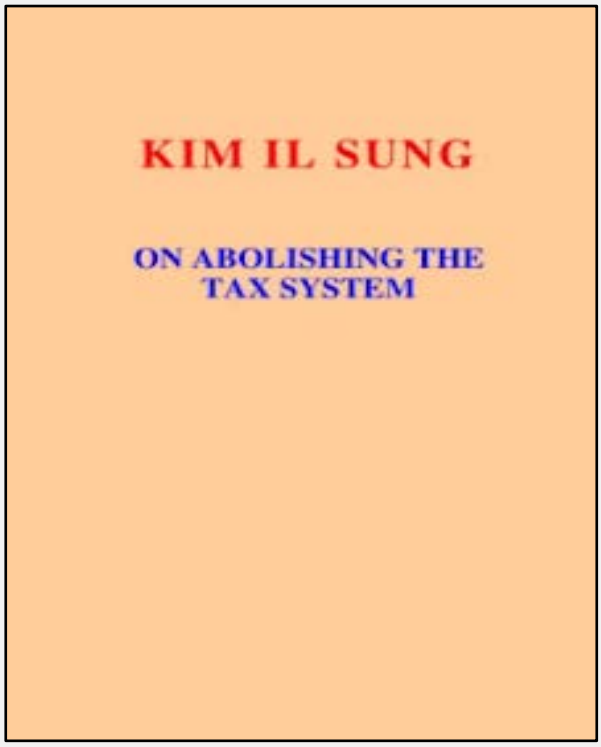
HANDS OFF PEOPLE'S KOREA !

US OUT OF KOREA !

DEFEND PEOPLE'S KOREA !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 17th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification in Korea, issued a statement on the 49th anniversary, of the complete abolition of taxation, in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea



49 years ago the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK on the 21st of March 1974 passed the law on the Complete Abolition of Taxation thus the DPRK became the first state in the world without taxation, a truly remarkable feat. Since that day the people of the DPRK have been free from income tax and local taxation but at the same time have enjoyed free health care, free education and low cost housing.

Today young and middle aged Korean people do not understand the meaning of the word *'tax'*!

After the liberation of Korea from Japan (on August 15 1945), the predatory tax system of the Japanese imperialists was abolished and a popular and democratic tax system was established in the DPRK, thus putting an end to over 50 kinds of miscellaneous taxes and turning the taxation into a single one.

In 1955 the government of People's Korea again cut the income tax of the workers and office employees by 30 percent, sharply reduced the tax burden of the handicraft workers, entrepreneurs and merchants and decreased the agricultural tax in kind from 25 percent of the grain output to 20.1 percent on an average.

From 1959 it reduced the agricultural tax in kind to 8.4 percent.

The agricultural tax in kind, which had been instituted right after the liberation, was eliminated in the period from 1964 to 1966 for good in accordance with *'Theses on the Socialist Rural Question in Our Country'* authored by President Kim Il Sung.

As a result there remained in the country only the income tax of the working people and the negligible local autonomy tax. The tax paid by the population amounted to two percent or less in the revenue of the state budget. Thus, abolishing taxation became the order of the day. As the great leader comrade Kim Il Sung said:

'To abolish the tax system is a revolution to free the working people
from these vestiges and a great change
to meet the centuries - old desire of the people.

The system of taxation which came into being
with the emergence of the state,
has been used in a class society for thousands of years
as a means of preserving the ruling machine
of the governing classes and plundering the working people'

Taxation for centuries had been a great burden for the working people with people cursing taxation. There is an old saying that in there only two certainties - death and taxes. In the capitalist countries today taxation is a very big problem. In recent years under austerity policies taxation has increased in several capitalist countries but at the same time public services have been cut. Many workers in the UK have to pay a big percentage of their pay in tax and national insurance, on top of that there is 20% VAT and council tax which rob people of their money. Even those who own their properties are hit by *'service charges'*.

Abolishing taxation in the DPRK was a master stroke which improved people's living standards. At the same time thanks to increasing socialist production in the DPRK public spending has increased many times over. This is a miracle. It is amazing that People's Korea has had 49 years without taxation.

The DPRK is a real paradise for the working people thanks to the Juche idea, the advanced socialist system and the people centred policies of great generalissimo's Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il which are today carried forward by dear respected Marshal Kim Jong Un under the banner of self - reliance. The abolition of taxation in the DPRK is a great inspiration to the working people of Britain in their struggle against austerity, exploitation and oppression.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 13th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification in Korea, issued the following joint statement, in support of the statement, of the DPRK Foreign Ministry, that was issued on Sunday 12th of March

Today the US and south Korea began war exercises against People's Korea which include so - called *'leadership removal'* options so are basically aimed at overthrowing the socialist system in the DPRK. The US have also prodded their marionette the UN Security Council (UNSC) into holding a meeting on the so - called *'human rights situation'* in the DPRK. The timing is quite deliberate and cannot be a coincidence.

As the DPRK Foreign Ministry states:

We clearly see through the sinister intention of the U.S. again raising *a 'human rights card'* which is little different from a good - for - nothing at present.

It is the inveterate evil practice of the U.S. that whenever it is driven into a tight corner as it can no longer contain the DPRK with the nuclear issue, it would resort to the moves for putting pressure on the latter over *'human rights issue'* with mobilization of its followers like rabbles. We have already got used to it.

We would also point out two things; firstly, that the question of human rights is an internal issue of the DPRK therefore the discussion of it at the UNSC is totally illegitimate and a violation of the sovereignty and independence of the DPRK, secondly, there is no *'human rights'* problem in the DPRK for the UNSC to discuss because under the people - centred socialist system human rights are guaranteed

including the right to work and right to eat.

The *'human rights'* issue being publicised by the US and other reactionary imperialist countries is basically not only a bogus one but it is a lever, in fact a battering ram to overthrow the socialist system in People's Korea and colonise it.

As the DPRK Foreign Ministry statement points out '*The anti - DPRK 'human rights racket' by the U.S. and its followers has nothing to do with ensuring genuine human rights, and it is no more than the most politically - motivated hostile means for tarnishing the image of the DPRK and stamping out the genuine rights and interests of the Korean people'*.

The fact that the US has tabled the issue at the UNSC shows the hostile intent and ill - will of the US and its lackeys towards the DPRK. The DPRK is fully justified in taking measures to defend its state and social system.

We fully support the right of the DPRK to take counter - action to defend its independence and the people - centred socialist system.

HANDS OFF PEOPLE' S KOREA !
DEFEND PEOPLE'S KOREA !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 13th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee
for Peace and Reunification in Korea,
issued the following joint statement,
supporting the Press Statement,
in support of the statement of the General Staff,
of the Korean People's Army (KPA),
that was made on the 7th of March

As disclosed by the statement, on the 7th of March the south Korean puppets fired more than 30 artillery shells at the Cho - ri shooting range in Jindong - myon, Phaju City of Kyonggi Province, situated in the forward area of the western front. As the statement of the KPA General Staff correctly states it is a *'grave provocation'*.

It is indeed a deliberate and premeditated action by the south Korean puppets to further increase tensions on the Korean peninsula which are already running very high due to the ceaseless military exercises being carried out by the US imperialists and south Korean puppets.

The south Korean puppets should immediately cease their foolhardy provocations and heed the solemn warning of the KPA General Staff !

We stand by People's Korea !

US HANDS OFF PEOPLE'S KOREA !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 8th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification in Korea, issued the following joint statement, in support of the press statement, of the chief of Foreign News Section of Department of Press, and Information of DPRK Foreign Ministry (FM)

On Monday 6th of March, the US imperialists flew a nuclear strategic bomber B - 52 to the Korean peninsula. Such an act was a very grave threat to People's Korea. As the press statement of the chief of the Foreign News Section of the Department of Press and Information of DPRK FM states it is *'a reckless military provocation pushing the situation in the Korean peninsula deeper into the bottomless quagmire'*.

This latest provocation by the US imperialist warmongers precedes a series of military exercises by the US and south Korea including *'Freedom Shield'* which include *'leadership removal'* operations. It is very clear that the US and south Korea are eyeing the forcible overthrow of the socialist system. The actions of the US and south Korea increase the danger of physical confrontation on the Korean peninsula and actual nuclear war. The consequences of such a scenario would be totally unthinkable.

Therefore we support the call made by the chief of the Foreign News Section of the Department of Press and Information of DPRK FM for the international community to join with the DPRK in calling for a halt to the military drills of the US and south Korea.

We believe that the US and south Korean military drills should stop at once.

HANDS OFF PEOPLE'S KOREA !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 7th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee
for Peace and Reunification in Korea,
issued the following joint statement,
in support of the recent press statement,
of comrade Kim Yo Jong,
vice department director of the Central Committee (CC),
of the Workers Party of Korea (WPK)

In her press statement on the 7th of March, comrade Kim Yo Jong refers to the south Korean puppet media report that the commander of the U.S. forces in the Indo - Pacific had said that they would shoot down any DPRK ICBMs that were launched over the Pacific as a part of a test. As comrade Kim Yo Jong correctly points out *'The Pacific Ocean does not belong to the dominium of the U.S. or Japan'.*

Indeed the US imperialists are acting as if they own the whole world and are revealing a typical reactionary colonialist mentality. Moreover, the apparent statement of the US commander is a truly horrendous one which reeks of extreme warmongering and massive bellicosity by the US imperialists.

As comrade Kim Yo Jong says:

'It will be regarded as a clear declaration of war against the DPRK,
in case such military response as interception
takes place against our tests of strategic weapons
that are conducted without being detrimental
to the security of neighbouring countries
in the open waters and air
which do not belong to the U.S. jurisdiction'

According to the press statement of comrade Kim Yo Jong, the DPRK is on standby to take quick and overwhelming action against any provocation or aggression by south Korea and the US.

We denounce the extreme sabre rattling of the US imperialists and also fully support the just stand of the DPRK as clarified by comrade Kim Yo Jong.

DEFEND PEOPLE'S KOREA !

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The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee
for Peace and Reunification in Korea,
issued the following joint statement,
in support of the recent press statement,
by comrade Kim Son Gyong,
vice - minister for International Organizations,
of the Foreign Ministry (FM),
of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)

As is noted by many people and many commentators tension on the Korean peninsula is rising rapidly due to the constant provocations of the US imperialists and south Korean puppets. In the coming weeks, the US and south Korea will conduct at least 3 or 4 different military exercises including *'Freedom Shield'*. Recently the US and south Korea staged drills for *'extended deterrence'* and also an exercise with B -1B strategic bombers and MQ - 9 Reaper combat drones.

In his press statement comrade Kim Son Gyong rightly exposes the double standards being maintained by the United Nations (UN) which is always quick to find fault with the DPRK's legitimate right of self - defence but at the same time keeps silent about the incessant warmongering exercises carried out by the US and south Korea which are an infringement of the DPRK's sovereignty.

Moreover, the exercises are regime change exercises aimed at ending the existence of the DPRK. Surely the UN as a supposedly impartial body should be condemning and denouncing such exercises? But apparently not!

Comrade Kim Son Gyong calls for the UN and the international community to strongly urge an immediate halt to the war exercises of the US and south Korea.

We support the call of the DPRK for the UN to act in a proper manner and censure the US and south Korea for their repeated anti - DPRK moves.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 6th of March Juche 112 [2023])

Report of Korean Friendship Association UK Picket 'No to War Exercises! No to south Korean repression! Down with south Korean puppet fascist regime!' 5th of March 2023

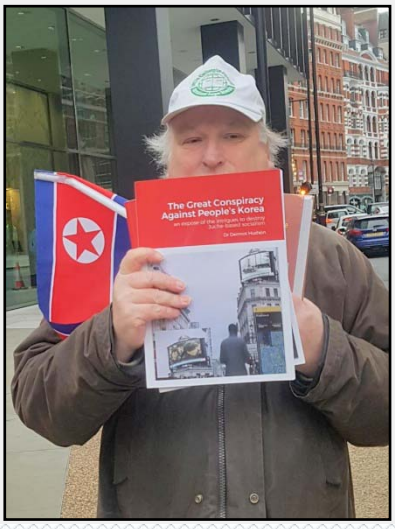
The Korean Friendship Association of the UK (KFA UK), held a picket of the south Korean puppet embassy on the 4th of March at 1500 hours. This was the first time since 2017 that KFA UK picketed the south Korean puppet embassy. The purpose of the picket was to protest against the forthcoming war exercises in south Korea as well as the wave of repression unleashed in south Korea and the south Korean puppet fascist regime in general.

Participating in the picket were activists and members of KFA UK including KFA West of England plus members of the New Communist Party, Internationalist Revolutionary Communist Party, Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain ML British Posadists and progressive Latin American community in London.

Messages of support were received from KFA UK South Coast, KFA Greece, the International Central Central Committee for Songun Study and Bangladesh Songun Politics Study Group and the Polish Initative *'People's Korea'*.

The message from KFA Greece read in part:

'Comrades and friends,
we, the Korean Friendship Association of Greece,
applaud and support your action against the embassy
that represents the occupied part of Korea,
which has brought the atmosphere of aggression
against the independent People's Korea to yet another dangerous climax,
always under the guidance of the US,
which has brought the world to the brink of total war
due to its interfering policy with the most notable case,
the recent (as of 2022) escalation of the (again) US - staged war
that is going on in Ukraine for almost a decade'



The message from the International Central Committee for Songun Study and Bangladesh Songun Politics Study Group said (excerpt):

'*We are from the International Central Committee for Songun Study*
and Bangladesh study group for study of Songun policy
strongly support the KFA UK,
holding a picket of the south Korean puppet embassy on the 4th of March,
finding hands to hands solidarity to the picket on behalf of ICCSS
and the Bangladesh Songun Politics Study Group.

In our eyes, what you see?
Only define a chorus of human rights
and disarming of super power weapons
but not indicates the philosophy of proletariat democratic state
is the best democratic country which has best democratic system
of popular masses that's totally out rooted the middle - class collaborators
who are existing agency of imperialist allies'

Dr Dermot Hudson Chairman of KFA UK and chairman of the British Group for

the Study of the Juche Idea addressed the picket saying that:

'On the 13th of March the US and south Korea will begin
to the so - called 'Freedom Shield' military exercise
which will run for 11 days until the 23rd of March.

It is openly admitted by the south Korean puppet media,
that the exercises actually include 'leadership removal'.

This is absolutely outrageous as it not only is about doing harm,
to the supreme leadership of the DPRK,
but also the overthrow of the socialist system,
and conquest of the DPRK.

The US want to seize the massive mineral resources of the DPRK,
and open up the DPRK to imperialist exploitation.

The US and south Korean puppets,
will also carry out the 'Teak Knife'
special forces exercise prior to 'Freedom Shield',
this exercise will include the AC-130J (aka Ghost Rider) gunship aircraft,
and will be the first time that the AC-130J,
has been deployed on the Korean peninsula'

Dr Hudson in his address also exposed the fascist and repressive nature of south Korea citing the recent raid on the HQ of the south Korean Confederation of Trade Unions as well as arrests of leftist and progressive activists. Dr Hudson stressed that south Korea is a puppet regime with no legitimacy, a creation of the US imperialists and that south Korea is simply the occupied southern half of the DPRK.

Picketers chanted *'Down with the south Korean puppet regime!' 'south Korean puppets out' 'Korea is One'* and *'US out of Korea'*.

The flag of the DPRK was displayed by the picketers and also the KFA UK banner as well as banners of progressive political parties.

Leaflets were distributed to passers - byand discussions were held. Many passers - by expressed support for the picket and new members were even recruited to KFA UK.

A copy of Dr Hudson's book *'The Great Conspiracy Against People's Korea'* was sold.

Dr Hudson, KFA UK chairman, gave a detailed interview with a freelance journalist.

The Picket concluded at 1630 hours.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 6th of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK, the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea, the UK Korean Friendship Association, and the British Solidarity Committee for Peace and Reunification in Korea, issued the following joint statement, on the occasion of International Working Women's Day, on the 8th of March

On the 8th of March it will be International Working Women's Day. The 8th of March, International Women's Day is celebrated throughout the globe, however, it only has real meaning in Juche Korea led by dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN. In Juche Korea, women enjoy real equality. On the 30th of July 1946, the Law

on Sexual Equality was passed and Article 77 of the DPRK Socialist Constitution states: '*Women are accorded equal social status and rights with men. The State shall afford special protection to mothers and children by providing maternity leave, reduced working hours for mothers with several children, a wide network of maternity hospitals, creches and kindergartens, and other measures. The State shall provide all conditions for women to play their full roles in society*'.

More legalisation guaranteeing women's rights was passed later on.

The great leader President KIM IL SUNG defined women as one of the two wheels of the revolutionary chariot, without them there can be no revolution.

In Juche Korea, prostitution was abolished in 1946. There is no pornography, no sex industry nor Western style *'sexual culture'* that degrades women.

People's Korea is a model of true Juche - orientated women's liberation!

We congratulate all women friends of People's Korea on International Women's Day.

LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL WORKING WOMEN'S DAY !

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 1st of March Juche 112 [2023])

The Association For the Study of Songun Politics UK,
the British Group for the Study of the Juche Idea,
the UK Korean Friendship Association,
and the British Solidarity Committee
for Peace and Reunification in Korea,
issued the following joint statement,
on the 77th anniversary of the proclamation,
of the Law on Agrarian Reform in People's Korea

On the 5th of March 77 years ago, the Provisional People's Committee of North Korea proclaimed the law of Agrarian Reform. The law confiscated without compensation the land of landlords with more than 5 hectares of land and distributed it free of charge to landless and land - short farmers. It was probably one of the most radical, revolutionary and thoroughgoing land reform ever carried out in history. It was radically different to land reforms carried out in other countries.

The Agrarian Reform Law smashed the chains of ossified feudalism which had existed for centuries. It freed the farmers from the exploitation and oppression of cruel landlords and made them masters of the land. Indeed more than mere masters of the land, it made them masters of their own fate and masters of the country.

The Agrarian Reform Law broke the fetters on the rural productive forces and led to a big upsurge in agricultural production. It marked a fundamental and irreversible redistribution of wealth and power in the northern part of Korea. Thanks to the Agrarian Reform Law and later measures People's Korea is one of the most egalitarian societies in the world.

Since the enactment of the Agrarian Reform Law the socialist agricultural working people have triumphantly marched along the road of Juche - oriented agricultural development.

We are sure that greater successes will be made in the future. We applaud the 77th anniversary of the Agrarian Reform Law.

(ASSPUK, BGSJI, KFA UK and BSCPRKP, London 1st of March Juche 112 [2023])

20th of March 2023 (Juche 112)

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Regarding the hostile and terrorist act of removing
the main Korean Friendship Association Facebook page.

To all KFA UK members.
To all people who value truth and freedom of speech.
Dear Korean Friendship Association UK members, dear supporters and others.

On March 19, Facebook owner or staff and as who suspect acted at the request of Western special security and intelligence services, Facebook 'unpublished' the main page of Korean Friendship Association UK, making it impossible to see the page and for administrators of the page to publish posts.

All the justifications and accusations, the reasons for blocking our website are fabricated, idiotic lies prepared with naive hope that
people will believe them.

The true reasons for this act are different.

Actually, it is the fear of us showing the true face and truth about the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, contrary to what the main Western media want to propagate and create a false and hostile image of the DPRK.

Various reprisals and acts of hostile interference and bans by Facebook against our organization have a long history. In the past, we have sent letters and tried to contact Facebook administrators and its founder Mark Zuckerberg many times. Without result.

We were totally ignored and treated with no respect or attention. Yesterday's act by Facebook was specifically a terrorist act.

Facebook's attitude towards our organization, and especially the recent final act of blocking our main page, clearly shows that Facebook as a social networking site is not a place characterized by freedom of speech and expression. KFA UK was yesterday banned from its main Facebook page because it published the truth. The KFA UK main page had over 11,000 followers and has existed for many years thanks to the great work and devotion of the Chairman of the KFA UK and main Administrator mentioned page Dr Dermot Hudson. A terrorist and unlawful act from Facebook happened yesterday, all of that has been destroyed.

It is an act of terrorism indeed, because by prohibiting the publication of the truth about the DPRK, Facebook violates this truth itself and takes the side of lies and hypocrisy that the Western media about DPRK serve us.

However, KFA UK will not be silent. It will not remain passive. The current Facebook attack is taken by us as a replay and response for our good work and high activity in defending the truth and fighting for the truth about DPRK in accordance with the main slogan of the KFA UK: *'Defend People's Korea with no IFS and no BUT'S'*.

This brazen and terrorist act by Facebook also shows us the fact that there is a struggle for truth in the international arena. Lies and hostile propaganda is characterized western mainstream based on capitalist corporations and their money, found effectively in the attitude of the owners of Facebook, as we see in the hostile act to KFA UK. We at KFA UK are fully aware of this and have shown this in many of our publications and articles.

Thus, our mission takes on an even more serious character and in the face of the last hostile act, we make full mobilization and closing of ranks around our KFA UK leadership.

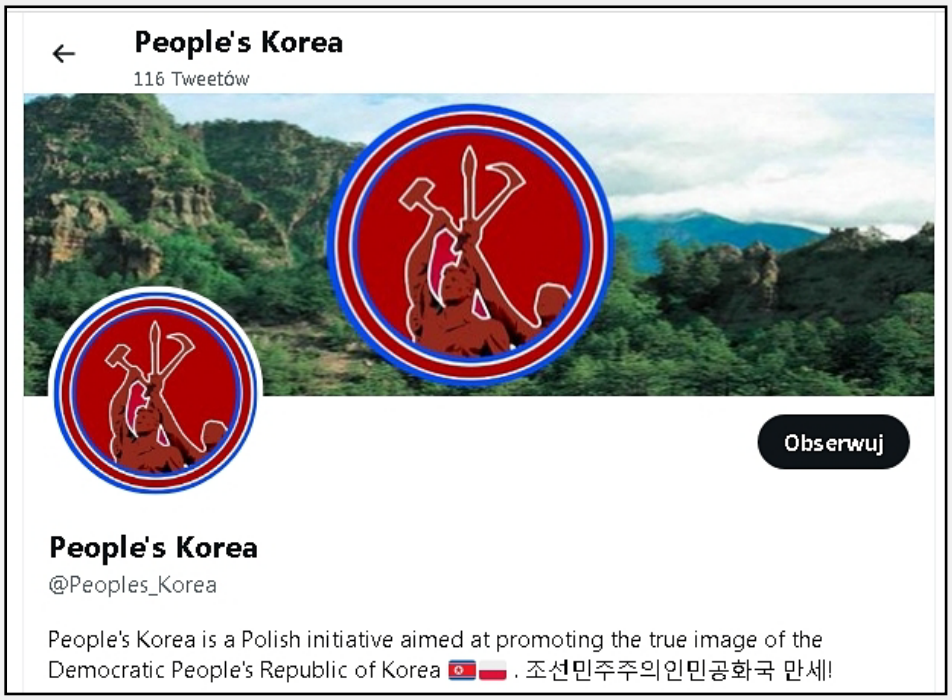
This hostile and malicious act of a kind of terrorist and assassination is proof of the effectiveness and strength of our organization will really not remain unanswered. Soon we will show the whole world how hostile to truth and freedom of speech, repressive and of a fascist nature is Facebook with its founder Mark Zuckerberg and we will counter attack by many planned activities.

Dr Dermot Hudson
The Chairman of the Korean Friendship Association UK

Alan Bolon
Organization Secretary / Security Officer
of the Korean Friendship Association UK

(Korean Friendship Association UK)

From the 'People's Korea' Initiative of Poland in support of Korean Friendship Association UK



Dear members of KFA UK,

Our initiative stands in solidarity with you at the moment of Facebook's shameful act of deleting your page. This is a striking example of censorship, but I am sure that through your strong faith you will rebuild the page and make it even stronger than the previous one, because the truth always wins.

For our part, we provide support and willingness to help your KFA branch and the entire organization.

Best regards,

Bruno Florczyk
Chairman of the *'People's Korea'* Initiative of Poland

(Korean Friendship Association UK)

Statement of Korean Friendship Association Greece, about the deletion of the Korean Friendship Association UK, Facebook page

On March 20th, Facebook escalated its attack on KFA UK's page, with the page being unpublished.

Thus, the administration of KFA Greece decided to proceed with the publication of an official statement regarding Facebook's decision. Further pressure will be exerted, and we invite our followers to join us in this effort by republishing and sharing the following message to as many recipients as possible.

'KFA Greece denounces in the strongest terms,
the unpublishing of KFA United Kingdom's Facebook page,
without cause and proper reason.

These ongoing attacks against the DPRK on social media,
and the constant attacks on groups that support the DPRK will not be tolerated.

KFA Greece stands firmly behind KFA United Kingdom,
and its Official Delegate, Dr. Dermot Hudson,
who has been the target of numerous false accusations and attacks.

Facebook's policies of silencing groups who are supportive of the DPRK,
is an obvious contradiction to what the company promotes,
as 'community standards',
as it is a well known fact that KFA UK and not only,
is visited by many people from around the globe,
and this banning goes against our community standards,
as it limits what the People have access to inside Facebook.

KFA as a whole is United and we stand by our fellow groups when they are banned,
silenced and attacked by anyone.

Our single - hearted unity shall not falter'

(Korean Friendship Association Greece)

Statement of Kim Yo Jong, Vice Department Director of Central Committee, of the Workers' Party of Korea

Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), on Saturday issued a statement titled: *'Reckless nuclear daydream invites self - destruction'*, which said:

The Ukrainian president's website recently carried an appeal calling for deploying U.S. nuclear weapons in territory of Ukraine or making nuclear weapons by itself.

It is reported that if more than 25 000 inhabitants sign the appeal within 90 days, the president will examine the proposed initiative and clarify the official stand on it.

This is a plausible veil of the public's expression of will, but it is not hard to guess that it is a product of the Zelenskiy authorities' sinister political plot.

It is a well - known fact that Zelenskiy clarified at the Munich Security Conference in February 2022 his stand to restore the position of the country's nuclear weapons state and officials of Ukraine openly revealed their nuclear ambition on several occasions .

The Ukrainian authorities, seized with the incurable megalomania that can defeat Russia, are incurring a nuclear disaster threatening their existence

without any elementary consciousness of foresight
and any ability to cope with its ensuing consequences.

Zelenskiy's talk about the introduction of U.S. nuclear weapons
and the independent development of nuclear weapons
is a manifestation of his very dangerous political ambition
to prolong his remaining days at any cost
by gambling with the destiny of his country and people.

It is the law of the world that if the authorities lack political sense and discretion,
they will drive the country and nation into the abyss of ruin.

The Zelenskiy authorities,
who always look up at their master
and chant prayers of begging and solicitation,
are not rivals of Russia,
and if they are focused on nuclear daydream as now,
they will be a more vivid target in Russia's nuclear sighting.

If the Zelenskiy authorities calculated that they can avoid
the powerful fire of Russia only when they go under the U.S. nuclear umbrella,
which had already been perforated,
they are going to the wrong path, the last path.

Those stooges serving the U.S. as their master and blindly believing
in its poor promise should clearly understand
that awakening at an early date from the self - destructive nuclear ambition,
little different from having a nuclear time bomb hung on their backs,
is the best option for saving their lives.

Also on 7th of March (Tuesday), Kim Yo Jong, vice department director of the Central Committee of th, issued the following press statement:

One of south Korean puppet media on March 6
carried an unspecific report that the commander of the U.S. forces
in the Indo - Pacific said something on February 24 to the effect that if we fired
ICBMs into the Pacific, they would immediately shoot them down.

I don't know if he really made such improper words to speak
for the stand of the U.S. military or if it was nothing
but the puppet media's trite wordplay,
but I clearly warn in advance irrespective of any reason whether it is true or not.

The Pacific Ocean does not belong to the dominium of the U.S. or Japan.

It is very interesting to see how the U.S.,
whose forces frequently conduct the test - launches of strategic weapons

in the Pacific every year as if the ocean were its yard,
will respond if a third country attempts
to intercept them under the reason for counteraction.

Had he been mindful that a specific approach
must be taken to cope with such a terrible situation,
he could have realized how unmanageable,
excessive and crazy remarks he made.

The commander of the U.S. forces in the Indo - Pacific reportedly described
the "south Korea - U.S. map exercise for operating extended deterrence means"
as effective and "very meaningful" as it gave a message to the DPRK
and another country.

We, too, have a message to send to the U.S.

It will be regarded as a clear declaration of war against the DPRK,
in case such military response as interception takes place against our tests
of strategic weapons that are conducted without being detrimental
to the security of neighboring countries in the open waters
and air which do not belong to the U.S. jurisdiction.

We also remind them that our military code of conduct
in such a situation has been set.

The demonstrative military moves and all sorts of rhetoric
by the U.S. and south Korea,
which go so extremely frantic as not to be overlooked,
undoubtedly provide the DPRK with conditions for being forced
to do something to cope with them.

As already clarified, we keep our eye on the restless military moves
by the U.S. forces and the south Korean puppet military
and are always on standby to take appropriate,
quick and overwhelming action at any time according to our judgment.

The U.S. and south Korea had better refrain from making remarks
and behavior any longer that aggravate the situation.

(Pyongyang, March 7 and April 1
Korean Central News Agency)

Study Tour Group of Schoolchildren at Mangyongdae

A study tour group of exemplary schoolchildren from across the DPRK arrived at Mangyongdae, the sacred place of the revolution. It was organized on the 100th anniversary of the 250 - mile journey for learning made by the great leader Generalissimo Kim Il Sung.

The group of schoolchildren from across the country left Phophyong on March 16 and made a tour of the 250 - mile journey associated with the sacred footsteps of Kim Il Sung, deeply grasping the patriotic intention and noble spirit cherished by him along with his historic first step for revolution.

Bearing deep in mind the love and trust of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who puts his heart and soul into bringing up the schoolchildren to be reliable pillars of socialist Korea, the members of the study tour group crossed Ogasan Pass and marched to Kaechon via Hwaphyong, Kanggye, Jonchon, Hyangsan and other places. Then they took train and arrived in Pyongyang on March 29.

Both sides of the streets from Pyongyang Railway Station to Mangyongdae were crowded with working people, school youth and children who came out to welcome the marchers.

The members of the study tour group arrived at Mangyongdae amid a warm welcome by the masses.

The group held a meeting at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School upon their arrival.
Present there were Kim Su Gil, chief secretary of the Pyongyang City Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Ri Tu Song, department director of the C.C., WPK, Choe Hui Thae, chairman of the Pyongyang City People's Committee, officials concerned and officials of the youth league and members of the study tour group.

Prior to the meeting, the participants laid a floral basket before the statues of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il at Mangyongdae Revolutionary School and paid tribute to them.

Mun Chol, chairman of the Central Committee of the youth league, made a report to be followed by speeches.

The reporter and speakers said that the study tour group successfully finished their march and arrived at Mangyongdae thanks to the loving care and benevolence shown by Marshal Kim Jong Un who always paid deep attention to the study tour of schoolchildren.

They called for making greater successes in study and organizational life this significant year marking the 75th founding anniversary of the DPRK and thus demonstrating to the world the proud appearance and spirit of the younger generation dynamically advancing toward the future of a powerful country under the care of Kim Jong Un.

A letter to Kim Jong Un was adopted at the meeting.

(Pyongyang, March 30
Korean Central News Agency)

Daily 'Rodong Sinmun' on seriousness of military exercises of US and its stooges

The daily *'Rodong Sinmun'* on the 28th carried a commentator's article titled *'The Seriousness of the Military Exercises of the United States and Its Stooges Commented'*.

The article reads:

The situation of the Korean peninsula is going to the critical point every moment beyond the level of danger.

The war frenzy and suffocation moves of the United States against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which are growing in March go to an unpardonable serious stage.

We have already aroused their attention to the fact that the reckless military provocations and war exercises of the United States would bring the situation of the Korean peninsula to the critical point of dangerous nuclear war on the eve of explosion.

The United States and the south Korean puppet traitors, however, get undisguised in their attempt of aggression against the DPRK more belligerently and frantically.

Despite the serious warning of the DPRK government and the just demand of the international community for putting a stop to the military provocations and war exercises disturbing peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and the region, the United States got more undisguised in its bid to invade the DPRK and put it into practice, showing its option.

At the beginning of this month the United States sent major strategic assets such as nuclear submarines, Aegis destroyers, strategic bombers and attacking drones to south Korea in succession to stage joint war exercises on the sea and in the air.

From the 13th, the United States conducted large - scale joint military exercises

'Freedom Shield' together with the south Korean puppets, which simulated an all - out war on us beyond the plan of precision attack and *'preemptive attack'* on the DPRK's nuclear and missile facilities.

It has been more clearly uncovered this time that the large - scale joint exercises *'Freedom Shield'* resumed last year are not the *'annual exercises of defensive character'* often talked about by the United States and the south Korean puppets.

The current exercises were the longest - ever ones which consisted of *'landing in Wonsan'*, *'occupation of Pyongyang'* and *'beheading operation'* aimed at surprise attack on strategic points of the DPRK according to the *'OPLAN 5015'* and were conducted day and night for 11 days by going straight into the stage of *'occupation and stabilization',* not in the established way.

During the period, the United States conducted military actions of highest level against the DPRK in the sky of major regions in the area of the Korean peninsula by mobilizing all sorts of reconnaissance assets including the reconnaissance plane with *'air reconnaissance electronic warfare system'* of the Army and *'RC - 135V'* and *'RC - 135S'*, the reconnaissance planes of the Air Force.

Before and after the *'Freedom Shield'* the US and south Korean puppet military warmongers conducted all sorts of powder - reeking war exercises in the sky and on the ground and sea, including a joint river - crossing operation, a joint aerial attacking and combined mobile drill, a joint war materials supporting drill and a joint drill for scientific battle.

On the other hand, the operational command of the south Korean puppet Air Force conducted an exercise for *'special inspection of preparedness for decisive battle in 2023'* for three days between the 13th and the 15th, loudly talking about so - called *'punishment'*. Besides, the south Korean puppet warmongers conducted so many exercises independently.

The United States and the south Korean puppets are staging the largest - ever joint landing drill *'Ssangryong'* again in parallel from the 20th, which had been suspended for five years since 2018.

The *'Ssangryong'* joint landing drill is aimed at *'occupying Pyongyang'*. Involved in the drill were tens of vessels including the US Navy's assault craft *'Makin Island'* known as a virtual light aircraft carrier carrying 20 *'F - 35B'* stealth fighters, more than 70 fighters of all kinds, 50 armoured cars for landing and charge and more than 10,000 troops.

A senior officer of the US Air Force and the commander of the US 7th Air Force came to south Korea to hatch a plot of scenario on a war against the north. And then, the US - Pacific Marine Corps Commandant controlling 70 percent of the troops of the US Marine Corps came to south Korea to command *the 'Ssangryong drill'*.

This drill is aimed at starting with the *'escorting operation'* for moving the landing force to a safe area and gradually expanding to the *'mine - sweeping operation'*, *'advance troops operation'* and *'decisive action'*.

In the drill of the *'decisive action'* stage, in particular, large - scale joint war potentials of the United States and the south Korean puppet army will be deployed on the sea and in the air to occupy the targeted area.

They inveigled the special warfare unit of a satellite state which had participated in the past Korean War into the current exercises and mobilized even the nuclear carrier *'Nimitz'* of the US Navy to them. It shows that the option made by the United States against the DPRK was not restricted to its military operation, but clearly developed to a stage of practical criminal act.

The striking group consisting of the nuclear - powered carrier *'Nimitz'* and Aegis destroyers *'Wayne E. Meyer'* and *'Decatur'* of the 11th Aircraft Carrier Flotilla of the US Navy conducted a joint naval exercise around the south of Jeju Island on the 27th, which is said to have been *'planned to strengthen the ability to implement the extended deterrent through the deployment of the US strategic assets'*. It also came into the Pusan Port on the 28th for a new war exercise.

The United States and the south Korean puppets also scheme to conduct the largest - ever - scale *'joint firepower exercise for annihilation'* in June with the mobilization of the joint war potentials of their three services along with latest weapons.

All the demonstrative military exercises of the enemy clearly show that they are military actions of preemptive attack which can no longer be overlooked as they are conducted, making an aggressive war on us a fait accompli.

The military exercises are much larger and longer than those in ordinary years and huge offensive weapons are committed to them. Such action is conducted ceaselessly and consecutively day and night, every month and every week.

The commitment of even the nuclear carrier flotilla along with the most offensive military hardware is as good as an open declaration of war on the DPRK.

Ridiculous is the frenzy of the south Korean puppets along with the US confrontation moves.

Some time ago, the Minister of National Defence of south Korea said: *'The north is threatening peace and stability of the world beyond the Korean peninsula with diverse missiles including the intercontinental ballistic missile. It is necessary to further strengthen our exercises in this situation'*. Aboard the carrier *'Nimitz'* of the US Navy on the 27th, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of south Korea used superficial and impertinent rhetorical expressions and speaking way that *'the*

south Korea - US alliance will resolutely give an overwhelming response to any provocation and aggression of the enemy' and *'they will make a gruesome punishment in case of contingency'*, revealing their frenzy of confrontation and kicking off *'bravery'*.

All facts clearly show that the war exercises frantically escalated in south Korea are not mere military exercises but actual manoeuvres for nuclear war to mount a preemptive attack on the DPRK in view of their essence, character, scale, content and form and they are pursuant to the political and military choice of the United States seeking confrontation with us and finally trying to fight a war without hesitation.

The United States crazy for dangerous war exercises in south Korea is the mastermind of disturbing peace and stability of northeast Asia including the Korean peninsula and it is the principal aggravator of the situation.

The present acute situation was created entirely by the United States and its satellite forces to suffocate us by force of arms. Fostering the physical strength capable of deterring it is an issue on our right of self - defence and accordingly, nobody can slander it.

It is quite natural for our nuclear forces to perform their crucial mission in coping with the grave situation in which the sovereignty and security of the state are threatened.

(Voice of Korea, March 28
Korean Central News Agency)

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Guides Work for Mounting Nuclear Warheads on Ballistic Missiles

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), guided the work for mounting nuclear warheads on ballistic missiles on March 27.

Present there were Hong Sung Mu, first vice department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other officials of the Department of the Munitions Industry of the Party Central Committee and officials of the Nuclear Weapons Institute and the Missile General Bureau.

The DPRK Nuclear Weapons Institute reported to Kim Jong Un on recent years' work and production for bolstering up the nuclear force of the DPRK both in quality and quantity in accordance with the orientation of developing nuclear weapons and strategic policy set forth at the 8th Congress of the WPK and the 6th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK.

He acquainted in detail himself with the means for applying nuclear weapons, technological specifications and features of structural operation of new tactical nuclear weapons according to the purpose of the operation and targets, interchangeability with different weapons systems, etc. He also learned about the work of putting into an IT basis the state nuclear weapon combined management system *'Haekbangashoe'* whose scientific accuracy, reliability and security have been strictly verified in the recent combined tactical drill simulating a nuclear counterattack.

And he examined the plan and written orders for nuclear counterattack operation.

He highly appreciated the institute for making its ceaseless efforts in the work to strengthen our nuclear force into the reliable force capable of coping with any nuclear emergency in keeping with the strategic plan and attempt of the Party Central Committee on combining and operating nuclear weapons by different means in the diversified operation spaces, and for making its great achievements.

Saying with deep emotion that we have dauntlessly taken a rigorous and long road for possessing nuclear weapons, he clarified again that the enemy our nuclear force with powerful deterrence matches are not any state and specific group but war and nuclear disaster themselves, and the line of our Party on increasing nuclear force is aimed to defend the eternal security of the state and the regional peace and stability from A to Z.

Pointing out that we should never be satisfied with the work to consolidate the thoroughgoing response posture of our nuclear force and should continuously strive to strengthen nuclear force steadily, he said that when we are flawlessly prepared to use nuclear weapons anytime and anywhere, nuclear weapons would not be used forever, and if the powerful and superior nuclear force going beyond imagination is ready for offensive posture, the enemy would fear us and not dare provoke our state sovereignty, system and people.

Noting that the institute and the field of atomic energy should expand on a far - sighted way the production of weapon-grade nuclear materials for thoroughly implementing the plan of the Party Central Committee on increasing nuclear arsenals exponentially and put spurs to continuing to produce powerful nuclear weapons, he set forth important tasks facing the institute and the field of atomic energy.

The scientists and officials of the institute, who were directly guided by Kim Jong Un once again, made a resolution of burning loyalty to always remain loyal to the important mission assigned by the Party and revolution, the country and its people, produce powerful nuclear weapons as befitting the reliable *'nuclear combatants'* of our Party and thus stoutly defend the sacred cause of the Juche revolution.

(Pyongyang, March 28
Korean Central News Agency)

Important Weapon Test and Firing Drill Conducted in DPRK

The intentional, persistent and provocative war drills and confrontational stance of the U.S. imperialists and the south Korean puppet regime of traitors have driven the military and political situation of the Korean peninsula to an irreversibly dangerous point.

The reckless and dangerous nature of the confrontational hysteria recently betrayed by the U.S. imperialists and the south Korean puppet regime of traitors is unprecedented in history.

The U.S. imperialists and their stooges kicked off a large-scale dangerous drill, an actual drill for *'occupying'* the DPRK in the light of its form and contents, in defiance of the repeated stern warnings by the DPRK government, army and people. It is expected that the U.S. imperialists and their stooges will get more frantic in their persistent military provocations to aggravate the situation as ever with a more aggressive stand of confrontation.

This grave challenging situation against the state security of the DPRK requires it to have stronger war deterrents for firmly supporting the peaceful socialist state building activities - the more developed, multi - faceted and offensive nuclear attack capability - and increase its capability in every way in order to deter war and firmly preserve peace and prosperity with its tremendous might.

The hostile forces' anti - DPRK war scenario based on the deployment of huge nuclear strategic assets, the amount of forces involved in carrying it out and the

ensuing peculiar mode of war urgently require the DPRK to make its entire armed forces gird themselves for an all - out war and bolster up its nuclear force both in quality and quantity on a priority basis.

The Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) is energetically guiding the continuous military activities to bolster up its nuclear war deterrence for self-defence in order to strengthen the country's defence posture in every way and promptly counter and thoroughly control and manage any nuclear war threats and challenges by the enemy.

After organizing and guiding a combined tactical drill simulating a nuclear counterattack, the WPK Central Military Commission commanded drills from March 21 to 23, which served as a demonstration of another military attack capability, in order to alert the enemy to an actual nuclear crisis and verify the reliability of the nuclear force for self - defence.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un guided the important military activities.

A new underwater attack weapon system test was conducted from March 21 to 23.

Since 2012, the DPRK's defence scientific research institute has conducted the development of the underwater nuclear strategic attack weapon system based on a new operational concept, studying warfare in the new era and defining the orientation of the development of the self-defence capabilities to outpace the military and technical superiority of the imperialist aggressor forces.

The Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee was informally reported about the underwater strategic nuclear weapon system at the Defence Development Exhibition Self - Defence - 2021 held in October 2021.

This secret weapon was named *'Unmanned Underwater Nuclear Attack Craft 'Haeil'* at the 8th Congress of the WPK.

It has undergone more than 50 shakedowns for the past two years since the Congress.

Kim Jong Un personally guided 29 weapon tests and its operational deployment was decided at the 6th Plenary Meeting of the 8th Central Committee of the WPK.

The mission of the underwater nuclear strategic weapon is to stealthily infiltrate into operational waters and make a super - scale radioactive tsunami through underwater explosion to destroy naval striker groups and major operational ports of the enemy.

This nuclear underwater attack drone can be deployed at any coast and port or towed by a surface ship for operation.

The underwater nuclear attack drone, which was deployed for a drill off the coast of Riwon County of South Hamgyong Province on Tuesday, reached the target point in the waters off Hongwon Bay set as a mock enemy port with its test warhead detonating underwater on Thursday afternoon after cruising along an oval and pattern - 8 course at an underwater depth of 80 to 150 meters in the East Sea of Korea for 59 hours and 12 minutes.

The test correctly estimated all the tactical and technical specifications and navigational and technical indices of the underwater nuclear attack drone, verified its reliability and safety and fully confirmed its lethal strike capability.

On March 22 there took place a launching drill to let strategic cruise missile units get familiar with the procedures and processes for carrying out the tactical nuclear attack missions.

Prior to the drill, there was training to reexamine the operational normality and the systematic safety of technical and mechanical devices, including the procedures for authenticating the nuclear attack order and the launch approval system, and to let the strategic cruise missile sub - units get familiar with action methods and handling of equipment through repeated practice.

The strategic cruise missile was tipped with a test warhead simulating a nuclear warhead.

Two *'Hwasal - 1'* - type strategic cruise missiles and two *'Hwasal - 2'* - type strategic cruise missiles, launched in Jakdo - dong, Hungnam District, Hamhung City, South Hamgyong Province, accurately hit the target set in the East Sea of Korea after flying on their programmed 1 500km- and 1 800km - long oval and

pattern - 8 orbits for 7 557 to 7 567 seconds and 9 118 to 9 129 seconds respectively.

The drill also involved the cruise missiles' minimum - altitude flight test and the test for estimating their capability for ever - changing-altitude control and evasion flight.

The drill also verified once again the operational reliability of nuclear explosion control devices and detonators by applying the mid - air - explosion (600 meters above the target) strike mode to two different missiles.

The major weapon test and launching drills had no negative impact on the security of the neighboring countries.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greatly satisfied with the results of the major weapon test and the launching drill for a strategic purpose.

Underlining the need to neutralize every attempt of the enemy to invade the DPRK and creditably defend our people's peaceful life and future and the cause of socialist construction by more overwhelmingly and offensively countering to the end the reckless military provocations being escalated by the U.S. and the south Korean authorities in disregard of our patience and warning, he set forth the immediate militant tasks and permanent policies for doing so.

Bitterly criticizing the U.S. imperialists for desperately resorting to military moves imperiling the regional situation under the pretence of fulfilling their commitment to defending allies and under various pretexts of tightening alliance, encouraging the misguided imprudence and *'bravery'* of the south Korean puppet regime of traitors and inciting them to impudent actions, he referred to the need to take

offensive actions to make the enemy inviting the danger with thoughtless and reckless acts realize the DPRK's unlimited nuclear war deterrence capability being bolstered up at a greater speed.

He expressed his will to make the U.S. imperialists and the south Korean puppet regime plunge into despair for their choice through the high - profile demonstration of the powerful war deterrence and make them understand by themselves that they are bound to lose more than they get and face a greater threat due to the strengthening of the military alliance and the expansion of war drills in the region.

He, on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK government, seriously warned once again the enemies that they should stop the reckless anti - DPRK war drills.

The nuclear force of the DPRK will further enhance its responsible militant function and mission with its more destructive might to thoroughly shatter the war maniacs' confrontational wild dream and bolster up its overwhelming nuclear counteraction posture in every way, true to the expectations and desire of the Party, government and people of the DPRK for deterring war and preserving peace and stability.

(Pyongyang, March 24
Korean Central News Agency)

Meeting of Chongryon Headquarters Chairpersons Held

The 2nd meeting of headquarters chairpersons of the 25th Congress of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) took place at the Korean Hall in Tokyo on March 16 - 17.

Attending it were Chairman Ho Jong Man, First Vice-Chairman and Director of the Organizational Department Pak Ku Ho, Vice - Chairman Nam Sung U, Vice - Chairman and Director of the General Affairs Department Pae Jin Gu, Vice-Chairman Jo Il Yon, Vice - Chairman and Director of the Education Department Song Kun Hak and Vice - Chairman and Director of the Department for International Affairs and Reunification So Chung On of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee, Kang Chu Ryon, vice - chairwoman of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee and concurrently chairwoman of the Central Standing Committee of the Union of Democratic Korean Women in Japan, Ri Myong Yu, chairman of the Central Audit Committee of Chongryon, members of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee and chairpersons of headquarters of Chongryon.

Councilors and vice department directors of the Central Committee of Chongryon and members of its Central Audit Committee were present as observers.
The national anthem of the DPRK was played.

Pak Ku Ho made a report at the meeting.

The report said that the present stirring reality, in which the period of overall development of the movement of Koreans in Japan, a new era of prosperity of Chongryon, is ushered in under the leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, urgently requires the headquarters chairpersons to fulfill their responsibility and duty as leading officials of the regional guidance units on the flank front by making strenuous efforts with the determination that the existence of the Korean community and the future of rising generations are on their shoulders.

It stressed the need to encourage and expand the positive successes made in the movement for creating models in implementing the important letter of Kim Jong Un and thus decisively increase the strength and speed of intensive campaign.

It called upon the Chongryon Central Committee and the chairpersons of headquarters to bear in mind again the great political trust of Kim Jong Un and significantly greet the first publication anniversary of the important May 28 letter with new shining achievements in creating new models.

Then followed speeches of chairpersons of the Chongryon headquarters on the successes and experience gained in creating models for implementing the four tasks set forth by Kim Jong Un in his important letter.
Chairman Ho Jong Man concluded the meeting.

(Pyongyang, March 2
Korean Central News Agency)

Nuclear Counterattack Simulation Drill Conducted in DPRK

There took place on March 18 and 19 a combined tactical drill to substantially

bolster the country's war deterrence and nuclear counterattack capability and let relevant units get familiar with the procedures and processes for implementing their tactical nuclear attack missions.

The combined tactical drill simulating a nuclear counterattack by the units for the operation of tactical nukes was carried out under the tense situation in which a large-scale war drill is being frantically scaled up by the U.S. - south Korean allied forces to invade the DPRK and U.S. nuclear strategic assets are massively brought to south Korea.

The drill also aimed to demonstrate our tougher will to make an actual war

response and send a stronger warning to the enemy who expand their war drills for aggression and take a series of military actions strong in their offensive nature, getting undisguised in their explicit attempt to unleash a war against the DPRK in disregard of its repeated warnings.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the combined tactical drill for nuclear counterattack.

The two - day combined tactical drill for nuclear counterattack was held, divided into an exercise for managing the nuclear strike control system, an actual training for switching to taking nuclear counterattack posture, and a drill for launching tactical ballistic missile tipped with a mock nuclear warhead.

On March 18, a drill was repeatedly held several times to reexamine the reliability of the operation system for the command and management over the tactical nuclear force in a multi - faceted way and to get familiar with the order of action and combat methods for promptly switching to a nuclear attack, while strictly examining in the light of security the accuracy of the procedures of issuing and receiving an order of nuclear attack under various simulated emergency circumstances, the order of handling nuclear weapons and the operation procedures for implementing different nuclear attack plans.

It was proved through the first - day drill that the whole process of preparing for a nuclear counterattack is working in a fast, strict, highly reliable and safe system.
A ballistic missile launching drill simulating a tactical nuclear attack was staged on Sunday morning.

The firing drill was observed by Minister of National Defence Kang Sun Nam and

the combined unit chief in charge of commanding all the tactical nuclear operation units and commanding officers of missile units and sub - units under his command on the east and west fronts.

It was also watched by relevant officials of the Party Central Committee, commanding officers of the Missile General Bureau and relevant personnel of the Nuclear Weapons Institute.

Prior to the launching drill, there was an inspection of the normality of operation and stability of technical and mechanical devices, including the procedures for the final nuclear attack order authentication and the launch approval system, which was followed by a repeated training for getting familiar with relevant action procedures.

Then, a firing drill simulating a nuclear strike at a major enemy target was staged.

The missile was tipped with a test warhead simulating a nuclear warhead.

The tactical ballistic missile launched in Cholsan County, North Phyongan Province accurately exploded at 800 meters above the target waters in the East Sea of Korea set in its 800 km strike range, thus proving once again the reliability of the operation of nuclear explosion control devices and detonators fitted in the nuclear warhead.

The firing drill had no adverse effect on the security of the neighboring countries.

Expressing satisfaction at the drill, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the combined tactical drill greatly improved the actual war capability of the units and sub-units in charge of important fire assault duty and filled all sub - units with great confidence. The drill marked an important occasion in preparing our nuclear combat force to rapidly and accurately perform its crucial mission of war deterrence and securing war initiative any moment and under any unexpected circumstances, he added.

Saying that it is very important to continuously organize and conduct such drills under the simulated conditions of an actual war, he stressed the need to let service personnel get familiar with any unexpected circumstances and make them more perfectly prepared in their active posture of making an immediate and overwhelming nuclear counterattack anytime.

Noting that the DPRK cannot actually deter a war with the mere fact that it is a nuclear weapons state, he said that it is possible to fulfill the important strategic

mission of war deterrence and reliably defend the sovereignty of the country, the peaceful life and future of its people and the cause of socialist construction only when the nuclear force is perfected as a means actually capable of mounting an attack on the enemy and its nuclear attack posture for prompt and accurate activation is rounded off to always strike fear into the enemy.

Saying that the present situation, in which the enemies are getting ever more pronounced in their moves for aggression against the DPRK, urgently requires the DPRK to bolster up its nuclear war deterrence exponentially, he set forth the important nuclear force - building orientation and the strategic tasks to be fulfilled in preparing the nuclear force for a war.

The nuclear force of the DPRK will strongly deter, control and manage the enemy's reckless moves and provocations with its high war readiness, and carry out its important mission without hesitation in case of any unwanted situation.

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Demonstration of Toughest Response Posture of DPRK's Strategic Forces ICBM 'Hwasongpho - 17' Launched

Under the grave situation in which the most unstable security environment is being created in the Korean peninsula due to the frantic, provocative and aggressive large - scale war drills conducted by the U.S. and the south Korean puppet traitors against the DPRK, the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) saw to it that a launching drill of the ICBM *'Hwasongpho - 17'* was conducted on March 16.

The launching drill of the strategic weapon serves as an occasion to give a

stronger warning to the enemies intentionally escalating the tension in the Korean peninsula while persistently resorting to irresponsible and reckless military threats in defiance of the DPRK's severe warning, and give an understanding of the concern about armed conflict which has come to a threatening reality, and to more clearly show the practical will of the Party and government of the DPRK to counterattack with overwhelming offensive measures anytime.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the launching drill of an ICBM unit on the spot.

Leading officials of the WPK Central Committee and commanding officers of the Missile General Bureau watched the launching drill in the presence of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The drill was aimed at confirming the mobile and normal operation and reliability of the DPRK's nuclear war deterrent.

The ICBM *'Hwasongpho - 17'*, launched at the Pyongyang International Airport, traveled up to a maximum altitude of 6 045km and flew a distance of 1 000.2 km for 4 151s before accurately landing on the preset area in the open waters off the East Sea of Korea.

The launching drill had no negative impact on the security of neighboring countries.

The drill confirmed the war readiness of the ICBM unit and the exceptional militancy of the DPRK's strategic forces and strictly verified their reliability.

Expressing great satisfaction over the drill, Kim Jong Un said that the drill clearly proved once again the conviction and guarantee of the operating systems of the nuclear strategic forces undergoing rapid development.

Noting that our action orientation and line to cope with the long - term security environment of the state and the enemies' threat remain unchangeable, he stressed the need to strike fear into the enemies, really deter war and reliably guarantee the peaceful life of our people and their struggle for socialist construction by irreversibly bolstering up the nuclear war deterrent.

Saying that we will continue to make the U.S. and south Korea, which show open hostility towards the DPRK and frequently stage large - scale military drills in and around the Korean peninsula, find themselves being reckless, he mentioned our policy for counteraction against the enemies that is to make them realize themselves that their persistent expanded anti - DPRK military moves will bring an irreversible, grave threat to them.

Reiterating the solemn declaration of the WPK and the DPRK government that

they would react to nuclear weapons with nukes and frontal confrontation in kind, he called for strictly maintaining the rapid response posture of the strategic forces to cope with any armed conflict and war.

The nuclear strategic forces of the DPRK will make perfect preparations for carrying out their important mission anytime.

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5th Enlarged Meeting of 8th Workers' Party of Korea Central Military Commission Held

The 5th enlarged meeting of the 8th Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) took place at a time when the whole country has turned out in the efforts to implement the resolutions of the 8th Congress of the WPK and plenary meetings of its Central Committee in singled - hearted unity.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the WPK Central Military Commission and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided the meeting.

Present there were members of the WPK Central Military Commission, commanding officers of the Ministry of National Defence, commanding officers of the Korean People's Army (KPA) services and army corps. Attending there as observers were cadres of relevant departments of the WPK Central Committee.

The 5th enlarged meeting of the 8th WPK Central Military Commission discussed the orientations of major political and military activities facing the KPA including

the issue of powerfully organizing the nationwide struggle by dispatching the KPA to the major theaters for rapid development in socialist construction, and measures for it.

The WPK Central Military Commission reaffirmed the importance of solving the rural question, set forth by the WPK as a prerequisite and strategic foremost affair in accomplishing the cause of socialism, and the present rural construction. And since the medium - and long - term development orientation and goal for the socialist rural construction were set clearly, it raised as a key point for discussion the issue of implementing them unconditionally.

The enlarged meeting confirmed the KPA's action orientation and detailed duties for accelerating rural development, regional construction and grand socialist construction which the Party has planned on a long - term basis and is leading as a purposeful struggle, discussed the organizational and structural measures for implementing them and ways for using forces, and unanimously approved the relevant resolutions.

The meeting discussed and adopted the important practical steps for making more effective, powerful and offensive use of the war deterrent of the country in coping with the present situation in which the war provocations of the U.S. and south Korea are reaching the red - line.

At the meeting Kim Jong Un, reviewing and analyzing the subjective and objective situation of our revolution, said that the present grand drive for creation for accomplishing the gigantic cause of overall national prosperity, resolutely overcoming all the challenges and difficulties, calls upon the KPA, that has always played a vanguard role in the struggle for implementing the grand practical programme of the Party, to lead the whole society with more advancing and vigorous struggle.

The KPA should become a driving force and model in the sacred struggle for the socialist rural construction and economic development to turn the ideal of the people into reality, unconditionally implement the stepwise goals and thus bring about the entities of prosperity welcomed by the whole country year after year, he said.

Encouraged by the deep trust of the General Secretary who has put forward the KPA again in the van of building a prospering country to provide the people with a high civilized and happy life, all the participants made a firm pledge to certainly attain the goals of grand changes for national prosperity by fulfilling their important responsibilities and duties in carrying out the militant tasks set forth by the Party Central Military Commission.

The 5th enlarged meeting of the 8th Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea will be recorded in the history of the country as a significant meeting which further clarified the revolutionary character and nature of the KPA,

the army of the Party and the people, and provided a decisive guarantee for the implementation of the programme for rural revolution in the new era and the overall development of socialist construction and made a big stride of practice for the promotion of the people's wellbeing.

(Pyongyang, March 12
Korean Central News Agency)

Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un Watches Fire Assault Drill

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance to the Hwasong artillery unit charged with important operational task of the Korean People's Army on the western front on March 9 and watched a fire assault drill.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was greeted by commanding officers of the unit on the spot.

He acquainted himself with the combat and political training of the service personnel and the order of action of the unit for the important operational task and its capability to operate weapons systems.

He highly appreciated that all the service personnel are intensifying their combat and political training in a stand - by posture with high class consciousness, transparent will to deal with the enemy and resolute viewpoint on struggle and steadily perfecting their operational capability to successfully carry out their important military task.

Going round important elements of the unit and various places of the sub - unit,

he learned in detail about the war preparations and military service of the service personnel.

That day Kim Jong Un examined the actual war response posture of the 8th fire assault company under the unit charged with striking the enemy's operation airport in the direction of the western front.

Leading officials of the Central Committee of the WPK and commanding officers of the large combined unit of the Korean People's Army watched the drill.

The fire assault company, which has trained its capability to carrying out strike missions in the definite and minute war posture of containing any military moves of the enemy at a time, fired a powerful volley at the targeted waters in the West Sea of Korea set under the simulated conditions of the major elements of the enemy operation airport, thus confidently demonstrating its capability to counter an actual war.

Expressing great satisfaction over the results of the drill, Kim Jong Un highly appreciated that the Hwasong artillerymen were powerfully and strictly ready to respond to actual war.

He said that the results of the censorship training clearly showed the important sense of mission that the army should be ready to fight any time and be responsible for an actual action rather than words and our clear, practical and unshakable will to take military action.

He stressed the need to always stay alert for all sorts of more frantic war preparation moves being committed by the enemy recently and maintain and steadily train the powerful capability to overwhelmingly respond to and contain them all the time so as to thoroughly deter the danger of a military clash on the Korean Peninsula.

Referring to the importance of the operational task of the unit once again, he stressed that the fire assault sub - units should be strictly prepared for the greatest perfection in carrying out the two strategic missions, that is, first to deter war and second to take the initiative in war, by steadily intensifying various simulated drills for real war in a diverse way in different situations.

All the combatants of the unit are full of their will to carry out their weighty mission at the very time when the enemy's moves for violating the sovereignty of our state and threatening its security cross the red - line set by the DPRK, by further accelerating the building of powerful war readiness.

(Pyongyang, March 20
Korean Central News Agency)

Truth behind Nord Stream Pipelines Explosion Incident

An Chol Hyok, an international affairs analyst, on Saturday made public an article titled: *'Truth behind the gas pipelines explosion incident being revealed gradually'*.

The full text of the article is as follows:

The international community is greatly shocked by an article, released by an American journalist, Seymour Hersh, some days ago, saying that the explosions of Nord Stream pipelines in September 2022 were caused by the remote - controlled explosion device installed by U.S. naval divers in strict secrecy under the direct order of Biden.

Another American journalist, John Dugan, too, disclosed the fact that U.S. naval divers, involved in the NATO naval military exercise 'BALTOPS - 2022' held in Baltic Sea in June last year, were engaged in long-time underwater work for the preparation of exploding Nord Stream pipelines after covertly leaving the training waters.

As already known, strong explosions occurred in the 'Nord Stream - 1' and 'Nord Streams - 2' pipelines, laid down in 40 - 60m depth of an exclusive economic water

zone between Sweden and Denmark, late in September last year, causing gas leakage at four points.

As soon as the incident broke out, the U.S. and the West were keen on creating an atmosphere of denunciation against Russia, recklessly branding it as an intended act of Russia to aggravate the energy crisis in Europe.

Russia repeatedly proposed EU countries to organize a joint investigation group and throw an objective light on the truth of the incident through an international investigation, but the U.S. and the West parroted the 'rumor about Russia's deed', feigning deafness.

Under such situation, American journalists contended that the Biden administration's plot was behind the Nord Stream pipelines explosion incident. This is very meaningful.

It is said that the real culprit of any case will be who gets biggest benefit from it.

If the 'rumor about Russia's deed', claimed by the U.S., is true, what benefit Russia will get from the destruction of gas pipelines constructed by itself at the cost of more than 10 billion US dollars, and can it return for huge profits that will be made with 'Nord Stream' for decades in future?

It is unreasonable to lend ears to the assertion of the U.S. and the West.

Then, who will be most benefited by the Nord Stream pipelines explosion incident?

It is none other than the U.S. which had been anxious to push Russia's natural gas out of the European market and instead introduce its expensive liquefied gas into it.

Substantial is also the strategic interests that the U.S. will get by blocking the 'Nord Stream', which has served as an obstacle in inciting European countries to the confrontation with Russia.

It is not fortuitous for experts on the international affairs to have argued that the theory about Nord Stream pipelines explosion by the U.S. is authentic, in consideration of the fact the U.S. regards it as a main link of the isolation and deterrence strategy towards Russia to block Russia's gas export and push it out of the European gas market, and that Wall Street is hosting a party in celebration of their gas delivery expanded after the explosion of the Nord Stream pipelines, drinking a 'blood - soaked wine'.

As regards the journalists' assertion, officials of the National Security Council and the Department of State of the U.S. are making rhetoric that press reports on the attack on Nord Stream pipelines carried out on the order of Biden are totally fiction and ballyhoo.

It may be a shame that its journalists branded the U.S. as the real offender from a fair stand. Anyhow, there is no reason for the U.S. to oppose Russia - proposed international investigation, if it is upright.

The awl in the sack can never be hidden, and the truth about crime is bound to be probed at any time.

The U.S. must be given due punishment before the world for its crime that brought a serious negative effect on the energy security and ecological environment in the European region by conspiratorially sabotaging the Nord Stream pipelines, a multinational energy infrastructure.

The international community should heighten vigilance against the vicious high-handed, arbitrary and conspiratorial maneuverings of the U.S. which resorts to all sorts of despicable means and methods for its hegemonic position and greed, taking no account of the interests of not only *its rivals but also its junior 'allies'.*

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SOUTH KOREA NEWS & REUNIFICATION

AINDF 'An appeal to fellow countrymen'

The Anti - Imperialist National Democratic Front made public an appeal in condemnation of the pro - Japanese treacherous act of the Yoon Suk - yeol regime and calling for a nationwide campaign against Japan and Yoon on March 24.

The appeal titled: *'An appeal to fellow countrymen'* said that another treacherous crime is recorded in the shameful history of south Korean politics stained with pro - US and Japanese proclivities, it continued.

Yoon's recent junket to Japan achieved under the manipulation of the US was a sycophantic junket which sold off the national pride without reserve. It was recorded as an irrecoverable sin to be etched in the history of the Korean nation who had experienced the grief of statelessness.

Yoon declared a list of tribute to Japan and told he would not claim indemnity for the past crimes committed by Japan, not content with its connivance at Japan's past crimes at an interview with a Japanese media before starting his visit to Japan. It is an intolerable insult and challenge to the nation.

He failed to extract a word of apology from impudent, cunning Japanese Prime Minister Kishida and prayed him for improvement of bilateral ties, risking the nation's interests for the sake of Japan. At a lecture, he parroted the remarks of

those, who looked down upon the Korean nation and advocated the colonial domination in the Meiji age, the gist of which is *'Korea is a territory of Japan'*.

He did not hesitate to throw its tongue against north Korea and connived at Japan's goal to be a military power. He declared normalization of the general security of military intelligence agreement (GSOMIA) with Japan and revealed his black - hearted intention to stand in confrontation with north Korea with the backing of the US and Japan.

The whole process of his junket to Japan was a series of pro - Japanese proclivity and submission as *'the five traitors of 1905'* fabricated the *'Korea - Japan Annexation Treaty'* and Park Chung - hee signed the *'south Korea - Japan Agreement'*. It is the height of treachery.

The south Korean people bitterly denounce his visit to Tokyo as a humiliating visit giving up apology and compensation for Japan's past crimes, offering the national interests for the sake of Japan and pushing the situation of the Korean Peninsula and its vicinity to the extreme phase.

Nationwide rallies in condemnation of his visit to Japan and signature campaign are being held in south Korea. The declaration on the current situation made by broad segments of south Koreans are being released one after another.

It is an expression of public anger at the Yoon regime and manifestation of the south Korean people's will to punish Yoon without fail.

In retrospect, he said that the people should not be divided into the pro - Japanese group and anti - Japanese one before he took power, south Korea - Japanese relationship should not be kept in the past. He, who promised to mend the relations with Japan regardless of the past crimes, recorded his one - year long rule as the treacherous history of pro - Japanese proclivity.

He turned down the compensation for the Japan's past crimes judged by the Supreme Court to rub salt into the wounds of the victims, promoted Japan as *'cooperation partnership'* and revealed its intention to push forward military cooperation between south Korea, the US and Japan under the excuse of *'north Korea's nuclear threat'*.

The Korean nation's grudge against Japan and forty - odd years long unethical crimes left unhealed wounds, however, Japan has denied apology and reparation for its past wrongdoings.

Japan is bent on glossing over the past crimes and engrossed in the distortion of history and re - aggression. It carries worship at the Yasukuni shrine to offer a tribute to it and set *'Takeshima Day'* to seize Dok islet.

It revised document of security and strategy and augmented its defense expenses.

It laid bare its intention to be transformed into a state capable of carrying out a war through *'revision of constitution'* and realize new *'Greater East Asia Co - Prosperity Sphere'*. It has put spur to establish missile defense system against north Korea together with south Korea and the US, introduce the latest weaponry, development of new type hardware and conduct military exercises with different missions.

The current situation proves Japan's ambition to be a military power and for re-aggression of the Korean Peninsula reach an extreme pitch of danger.

Yoon has fanned up Japan's bid for re - aggression and is engaged in pro - Japanese proclivity. The south Korean people express their indignation at his behavior.

The south Koreans would not tolerate treacherous act of the pro - Japanese elements and Japan's imprudence.

The anti - Japanese and Yoon struggle is the great cause of the people and request of the current situation, the appeal said. It called for the people to turn out in the campaign against Japan and Yoon.

The Yoon regime is just the *'the five traitors of 1905'* in the 21st century and Yoon is another offshoot of Lee Wan - yong and Park Chung - hee.

The second *'Korea - Japan Annexation Treaty'* and reappearance of statelessness will be unavoidable as long as the Yoon regime remains in power.

The withdrawal of Yoon and action against the Yoon regime are the only solution.

Let us send Yoon to the graveyard of *'the five traitors of 1905'* at the earliest possible date by touching off the nationwide resistance!

Let us crush rash act of the Yoon gentry which begs for military cooperation between south Korea, the US and Japan and provides a springboard for aggression through an intense struggle for peace against war!

The south Koreans' campaign to chill Japan's attempt for re - aggression and humble its arrogance is a righteous resistance to satisfy the century - old grudge of the Korean nation.

The south Korean people should make south Korea full of anti - Japanese sentiments by developing the spirit of the Independence Movement in 1919 into animosity toward Japan.

Let us shed light to hair - raising atrocities committed by Japan and its crime - woven history! Make Japan to pay a dear price for the century - old past crimes.

Let us frustrate Japan's ambition for re - aggression to reduce south Korea into a colony through the process of becoming a military giant with the united efforts of the nation!

The US is a backstage manipulator of south Korea - Japan tie - up.

Let us smash the US bid to invade the Korean Peninsula by military cooperation with south Korean and Japanese war servitors and dominate the Asia - Pacific region!

Let us foil vicious move to form the three - way military alliance between south Korea, the US and Japan!

The appeal called for the south Korean people to wage stubborn action to step down Yoon at all costs and put an end to the history of pro - US and Japanese submission.

(Pyongyang Mission,
of the Anti - Imperialist National Democratic Front)

Repressive measure of the Yoon regime

Civil organizations of south Korea have bitterly flailed repressive measure of the Yoon Suk - yeol clique.

In condemnation of repressive measure of the Yoon regime

Several civic bodies called press conferences to sharply denounce the Yoon group for branding the activities of trade unions of the working people as espionage activities.

In denunciation of the Yoon group for escalating oppression,
upon workers through the National Intelligence Service

The security rule of the Yoon group, which is keen on stamping out the trade unions, will prove unsuccessful, furthermore, it is intolerable, they claimed.

In a statement, they strongly urged the Yoon regime to dismantle the National Intelligence Service and abolish the National Security Law, while sharply condemning the repressive measure of the Yoon regime.

Abrogate the National Security Law, the draconian law!

(Pyongyang Mission,
of the Anti - Imperialist National Democratic Front)

In demand of suspension of military drill

Of late, 843 civic organizations including the Peace Action on the Korean Peninsula strongly demanded suspension of south Korea - US joint military game through a joint statement.

Against tripartite military nexus between south Korea, US and Japan

They demanded an immediate halt to south Korea - US joint military drill Freedom Shield saying that the military exercise which starts from 13th to 23rd of March escalates the danger of war on the Korean Peninsula.

Dismantle the south Korea, US and Japanese war alliance!
Pull Yoon out of his office!

Ten members of the organization staged demonstration carrying placards *'stop south Korea - US joint military game Freedom Shield'*.

Meantime, a civil organization condemned the military drill which exacerbates the situation on the Korean Peninsula.

US, do not hurl Japan into a war!
Give up war on the Korean Peninsula!

The Yoon Suk - yeol regime conducts the largest - scale south Korea - US joint military game with the US. We cannot allow Yoon who jeopardizes safety of the people only taking precedence over south Korea - US alliance, they called for the people to punish Yoon.

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of the Anti - Imperialist National Democratic Fron

LIFE AND CULTURE in PEOPLES KOREA

New School Year for 2023 Begins in DPRK

On April 1st, the new school year meeting was held in all schools in the area 112 (2023) for the new school year.

Schools across the country including Pyongyang 1st Middle School, Pyongyang Middle School, Kim Sung Address School, Pyoungyang 4th Elementary School, Yeontan-gun Shincheon Elementary Middle School, Haeju City Haewoon Elementary School, and Yeonggwang So School in Sariwon City were full of students, faculty and faculty members.

Flag crab forms were carried out before the back - to - school meeting.

The members of the party, government institutions, and relevant institutions, faculty, and students gave bouquets of flowers to the new students who entered correction and congratulated them.

At the back - to - school meetings, speakers and debaters said that the bells of learning are ringing ever more slowly and gradually, the great leader Kim Il Sung and the great leader Kim Jong Il, who shines the post - education history and the career of the great leader Kim Jong Un, are ringing more and more slowly in the country.

They put all their heart into the education business and expressed their resolutions to fulfill the character of educators by enhancing the superiority and vitality of the overall 12 years of compulsory education.
Competent revolutionary talent who studied hard and wasted his education for the sake of strong Chosun, the emotions of the students who will grow up to be the true sons and daughters of a socialist country were also grieved.

The first class of the new school year has begun after the school meeting.

The students' voices and songs gave vitality and vitality to my homeland, where the majestic all - people's army is actively moving towards the new horizons of national development.

A new school year for Juche 112 (2023) began in the DPRK with due ceremonies at schools across the country on April 1.

All the schools in the country, including Pyongyang Secondary School No. 1, Pyongyang Primary School for Orphans, Kim Song Ju Primary School, Pyongyang Primary School No. 4, Sinchon Junior Middle School in Yonthan County, Haeun Primary School in Haeju City and Yonggwang Primary School in Sariwon City, were crowded with schoolchildren and their parents and teaching staff.

Prior to each school - year opening meeting, there was a national flag raising ceremony.

Officials of Party and power organs and relevant institutions, teaching staff and

schoolchildren congratulated the new enrollees, presenting bouquets to them.

At the meetings, speakers said that the bell of learning is ringing out all over the country more loudly under the loving care and benevolence of the respected fatherly Marshal Kim Jong Un who is glorifying the idea of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il on the education of younger generation and their leadership exploits.

They expressed their determination to fulfill their duty as educators in giving full play to the advantages and vitality of the universal 12 - year compulsory education by devoting themselves to education.

Schoolchildren made their minds to study hard for thriving Korea and prepare themselves as competent revolutionary talents, knowledgeable, virtuous and healthy, and true sons and daughters of the socialist country.

After the meetings, the first lesson in the new school year began.

The schoolchildren's reading and singing injected lively vigor and vitality into the country where a dynamic all - people grand advance toward a new horizon of national development is ongoing.

Officials of Kumya County shared joy with the centenarian, congratulating her and her family members on the auspicious event.

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Ordinary Woman Who Became a Deputy to City People's Assembly

In the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, ordinary working people freely take part in the elections to State power organs. They have the right to elect and to be elected, irrespective of job, property status and educational background.

As everyone knows, even the elections to the local people's assemblies, to say nothing of the elections to the Supreme People's Assembly, are held amid great expectations and interest of the citizens.

July 19, 2015, a Sunday, witnessed elections to the People's Assembly of County, City, Province held in the country.

A candidate for the Sub - constituency No. 102 of Constituency No. 107 for the election to the Pyongyang Municipal People's Assembly was Ho Myong Gum, a driver of the Ryonmot Trolley Bus Company.

Ho Myong Gum, a trolley bus driver

Ho Myong Gum and her husband working as drivers of the same trolley bus

She is an ordinary kind of woman who can be found anywhere in the country. What is extraordinary about her is the fact that she has been working as a trolley bus driver for more than 30 years since finishing secondary school. Her husband Choe Hong Gi is working as her co - driver. They have covered about two million kilometres up to now.

The wife loves her job as she feels pride in providing traffic convenience to the citizens of the capital city. With such pride, she has driven the trolley bus from the Pyongyang Railway Station to Ryonmot - dong every day.

She says that she had a difficult period, though. It was in the late 1990s when the country was on an Arduous March due to the unprecedented sanctions and blockade by the hostile forces against her country and natural disasters that hit it for several consecutive years. Because of a shortage of electricity, trolley buses were not operating properly. But she did not abandon her job. She regarded her job as a duty assigned to her by the country. The harder the times were, the more efforts she made to remain faithful to her duty.

In fact, it was easier said than done for a woman to work almost all year round for thirty years. But she found the worth of her life in seeing the bright faces of people who were getting on and off her trolley bus and the daily - changing streets of the city. The pure conscience and patriotism of the woman driver who has remained faithful to her job, whether recognized or not, touched the heartstrings of all people.

Ho Myong Gum and her family living in a luxury house in the Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District

Ho was nominated as a candidate to the Pyongyang Municipal People's Assembly. On the election day Kim Jong Un, President of the State Affairs, personally came to the polling station.

Having congratulated Ho Myong Gum on her nomination as a candidate, he said that if she had worked as a trolley bus driver for 30 years since her girlhood, she had remained faithful to her job for so long. Then he encouraged her to work harder as a representative of the people so that she could live up to their

expectations.

After receiving a vote from the chairperson of the election committee, he voted for her. Having come out of the polling booth, he, holding her hand, asked her to do more work as befitting a representative of the people.

Such a moving story can be created only in a country of the people where the working people support their sovereignty by their devoted efforts and where the people are the masters of everything and everything serves them.

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Society That Respects Women

Today, countless women are suffering from deprivation of socio - political rights and inequality in different parts of the world. The problem of women still remains a serious matter of international concern.

Dance party in celebration of March 8, the International Women's Day

However, in the people - centred socialist Democratic People's Republic of Korea, women are leading a happy life under the care of the state, enjoying the dignity as a flower of the times and of the country.

The country provides all the women equally and fully with all their rights as social beings, including the rights to work, rest, and free education and medical care as well as political freedom and rights.

Working for social development, exercising their right to work

The Korean women, as masters of the country, are taking active part in the socio - political activities with an equal right with men, including those of administering the state; irrespective of job, property status and intellectual standards, they have the right to elect and to be elected, many of them including labour innovators being elected as deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and other power organs at all levels, and exercising their right to express their opinions on state administration.

Today, the number of women is increasing at important posts in different fields and units including state and economic organs, scientific, educational and public health organs and cultural institutions.

The Socialist Constitution, Law on Family, Public Health Law, Socialist Labour Law, Law on the Nursing and Upbringing of Children and other laws and regulations of the state provide a legal guarantee for the positions, roles and rights of women.

The Korean women enjoy special state and social benefits.

The Pyongyang Maternity Hospital provides an eloquent proof of this.

This comprehensive medical service centre for women delivers babies and treats gynecological disorders free of charge. Women, who are admitted to this hospital

for delivery, go back homes with their healthy babies after clearly being cured of even the diseases unknown to them still then. Parents with many children are presented with gifts including gold rings and silver daggers, and women who gave birth to many children are awarded the title of Mother Hero.

The Breast Tumour Institute under this hospital conducts check-up of women across the country with state - of - the - art medical facilities and provides the women diagnosed to be suffering from mammary diseases with efficacious medicines at state expense.

Fringe benefits are also given to the women.

A typical example is the state benefit given to them in their labour life.

The country makes sure that comprehensive labour safety measures are taken for women in state organs, factories, enterprises and social and cooperative bodies. In particular, back-breaking and hazardous labour is forbidden for them, and more stable and favourable working conditions and environment are provided to those with nursing babies and pregnant ones.

It provides the working women with such conditions that ensure they can take an active part in social labour, and builds on a preferential basis nurseries, kindergartens and amenities lest they experience inconvenience in their work. Working women with more than three children work for fewer hours than others, but they receive the same wages as theirs.

And it gives prominence to the women with many children, accords them preferential treatment and takes special measures for protecting them.

Recently, women who gave birth to more than three children have been issued with a special certificate for medical treatment; as a part of this measure, not only the women but also their husbands and their children, who are yet to graduate from senior middle school, can get medical service at any hospital.

How the country respects women can be clearly seen through a grand congratulatory performance held for them in the presence of the national leader to mark the International Women's Day and the palace - like hostels built by the state for the working women and the parties arranged for them at these hostels.

Under such benevolence, the women are working free of inconveniences, displaying their talents and wisdom, for the prosperity of their country in different fields including industry, agriculture, national defence, art and literature, education and public health.

Among them are scientists, farm managers who have opened up a new phase in farming in the northern highlands and east coast areas, athletes who have exalted the honour of their country with gold medals, medical workers who have snatched

patients from the jaws of death by donating their blood and bones, and road maintenance workers in remote mountain areas.

Breast Tumour Institute of the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital and some of its medical apparatuses

The DPRK should be called a country where the dignity and rights of women are provided at the highest level in the grand flower garden of prioritizing and respecting them.

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' Revolutionary Poet Kim Hyok '

A revolution begins with the recruiting of comrades. For a capitalist money is capital; for a revolutionary the people are the source of his strength. A capitalist builds up a fortune in money, whereas a revolutionary changes and transforms the society by drawing on the efforts of his comrades.

When young, I had many comrades. Some of them I had become friendly with in my everyday life, and some had come to share the same idea as me in the course of our struggle. Each of them was worth his weight in gold.

Kim Hyok, who nowadays is known as a revolutionary poet, was a comrade of mine. He made a lasting impression on me in my youth. It is more than half a century since his death, but I still remember him.

One day, as I was talking with my teacher Shang Yue in the corridor after a Chinese lesson, Kwon Thae Sok hurried up to me and told me that I had a visitor. He said that the stranger was standing with a spectacled man named Cha Kwang Su at the front gate.

I found a young man with a girlish, handsome face, standing, a trunk in his hand, at the gate with Cha Kwang Su, waiting for me. It was the young man, Kim Hyok, whom Cha Kwang Su had been extolling as a talent whenever he had the opportunity. Before Cha Kwang Su had time to introduce him to me, he introduced himself, saying, "I am Kim Hyok," and held out his hand for a handshake.

I gripped his hand and introduced myself. I felt a special attraction towards Kim Hyok not only because his name was already familiar to me, thanks to Cha Kwang Su's enthusiastic "advertisement," but also because his face resembled that of Kim Won U.

"Will you take Kim Hyok to the hostel and wait for me there for an hour? I could excuse myself from an ordinary lecture, but the next lesson happens to be a literature lesson given by Shang Yue," I said to Cha Kwang Su, after apologizing to Kim Hyok.

"Oh! Everyone is fascinated by his literature lessons. You are set on becoming a man of literature like Kim Hyok, aren't you?" Cha Kwang Su said, jokingly, pushing back his spectacles.

"There's no reason why I shouldn't. The revolution seems to require a knowledge of literature, doesn't it, Kim Hyok?"

"It is only now and here in Jilin that I hear what sounds sweet to my ear!" Kim Hyok exclaimed. "It is impossible to talk about a revolution apart from literature. The revolution is the object and source of literature. If the literature teacher is so popular I, too, want to see him."

"I will introduce you to him later." With this promise, I went to my class.

When I went out to the gate after the lesson, the two were still there waiting for me, talking about something like variable and invariable capital. I was caught up in the enthusiasm emanating from their voices. Remembering that Cha Kwang Su had told me that Kim Hyok was a born enthusiast, I was secretly glad to have gained a fine comrade.

"I told you to wait at the hostel, so why are you still standing here?"

"Why should we crawl about in a room like cockroaches on this fine day?" Kim Hyok remarked, looking up at the glorious sky, with one eye half - closed. "I would rather walk from here through the streets of Jilin all day, talking."

"There is a saying that it takes a full stomach to appreciate even the best of scenery. So let's have lunch and then go wherever you like, to Beishan or Jiangnan Park. It would be very impolite not to buy a lunch for a man who has come all the way from Shanghai to see us, wouldn't it?"

"Seeing you. Comrade Song Ju, in Jilin, I think I wouldn't feel hungry even if I missed several meals."

Kim Hyok was a man of passion, a liberal in action and words.

As luck would have it, I had no money in my pocket at the time. So I took them to the Sanfeng Hotel where I would be welcomed free of charge. The people there were not only kind-hearted, but also good at cooking noodles. I explained to the hostess that I was in financial difficulties, and she served us six bowls of noodles, two for each of us.

Kim Hyok stayed with me in my room for three days, and we talked every night. On the fourth day he left for Xinantun, where Cha Kwang Su was working, in order to acquaint himself with the situation in the rest of Jilin.

At my first meeting with him I realized that he was a man of great passion. While Cha Kwang Su was boisterous, Kim Hyok was fiery. Usually he was calm and quiet but, once excited, he boiled like a blast furnace, and was extremely vehement. He had travelled the three Far Eastern countries living through weal and woe just as Cha Kwang Su had done. Though an adventurer, he was upright. Through the conversations we had I found him to be widely informed and a great theoretician. In particular, he had a profound knowledge of literature and the arts.

We talked a great deal about the mission of literature and the arts. He emphasized that literature and the arts must deal with man. After a period of gaining experience of affairs in Jilin, his views developed; he said that literature and the arts must sing the praises of the revolution. His outlook on literature was revolutionary. In consideration of his abilities, we gave him the assignment of dealing with mass

cultural enlightenment for a while. Thus he gave frequent guidance to the activities of the art propaganda troupe.

Because he was good at poetry, we nicknamed him Eugene Pottier. Some of us called him Heine. He himself spoke more highly of Heine and Eugene Pettier than any other poets. He liked Ri Sang Hwa best of all the Korean poets.

On the whole he liked impassioned revolutionary poems. Strangely enough, however, he liked the lyrically descriptive novels of Ra To Hyang better than the strongly assertive works of Choe So Hae. His conflicting literary tastes led us to reflect on how strange the laws of nature were. Around us there were many instances of the harmonious combination of contrasting things. Cha Kwang Su likened them to the "harmony of positive and negative." He said that Kim Hyok was a literary individual produced from such a harmony.

In spite of the pressure of the difficult and complex work for the revolution, Kim Hyok found time to write excellent poems. The girl students who belonged to our revolutionary organization used to jot down his poems in their pocketbooks and recite them fondly.

Kim Hyok did not struggle with his poetic expressions on paper, writing and re-writing them, but polished them from the first line to the last in his head until he decided that they were perfect. Then he would bang on the desk with his fist and write the poem down on paper. Our comrades, who knew that when he banged his fist on the desk he would produce a poem, were delighted at this, exclaiming that he had laid another "egg." We all rejoiced over each of his new poems.

Kim Hyok had a beautiful girlfriend named Sung So Ok, who belonged to the Young Communist League. She was of slender build, but daring and ready to stand on the gallows if it was in the cause of justice. She was faithful to the Young Communist League. During the mass struggle in autumn that year against the construction of the Jilin - Hoeryong railway, I heard a speech she made in the street and found her to be extremely articulate. She loved to chant Kim Hyok's poems, carrying them in her pocketbook. She was good at chanting poems, singing and making speeches, and she always went about in a white jacket and dark skirt, whatever the season, so almost every young man in the town of Jilin knew of her.

Kim Hyok, who always approached life with warm feelings and fused it into his poetry, was also ardent in his love for his girlfriend. Young communists loved the other sex while they worked for the revolution. Some people say that communists are devoid of human feelings and know neither life nor love that is worthy of human beings. But such people are totally ignorant of what communists are like. Many of us loved while fighting for the revolution and made our homes in the rain of fire. In holiday seasons we used to send Kim Hyok and Sung So Ok together to Guyushu, giving them a few assignments to work among the masses. Guyushu was the girl's home town. In their leisure hours after working among the masses, they would go for walks in the thick willow woods on the River Yitong, or they would go fishing. When

Kim Hyok went fishing, his girlfriend would bait his hook or pick the fish off the hook. In Beishan Park and on the River Songhua where the scenery was beautiful and on the River Yitong, their love deepened as the revolution advanced.

For some unknown reason, however, the girl's father Sung Chun Hak did not seem to be pleased with the affair. He was the founder and headmaster of Changsin School, the predecessor of Samgwang School. Having travelled and studied in the Maritime Province of Siberia, he had had some taste of modern civilization, and as such he was a particularly enlightened man. He had been the first to express his understanding of and active support for our work when, in Guyushu, we were reforming Changsin School into Samgwang School and the nationalist mass organizations into communist, revolutionary organizations. Because such a man was against their love, Kim Hyok, though normally bold, could not help feeling embarrassed.

The girl's mother, who regarded Kim Hyok as an ideal match for her daughter, connived at their association and often spoke to her husband in favour of their love. After a long period of close observation of the personality of Kim Hyok, the girl's father, too, recognized him as a stalwart revolutionary and approved their engagement. On the day of their engagement, Kim Hyok and Sung So Ok had a photograph taken together; the girl's family had a camera.

At the news of Kim Hyok's death, the desperate girl tried to drown herself in the River Yitong. Some of our comrades dragged her out of the river and managed to calm her. Later the girl continued to work faithfully for the revolution. She married Choe Il Chon, the author of A Short History of the Korean Revolutionary Movement Overseas, after the death of his wife. She considered it ideal to be the life companion of a man who was as revolutionary as Kim Hyok, even though it meant raising stepchildren.

Kim Hyok's fiery character was expressed in practice in his loyalty to the revolution. As a revolutionary, he had a high sense of responsibility and loyalty. He was older than me by five years and had studied in Japan, but he never revealed any sign of such things. He always accepted sincerely the assignments we gave him. That was why I treasured him and loved him particularly.

From the summer of 1928 Kim Hyok, together with Cha Kwang Su, worked in Liuhe County. Around this time, under their guidance the social science institute (special class) was set up at Tongsong School in Gaoshanzi and a branch of the Anti - Imperialist Youth League was formed, Kim Hyok taught the history of human evolution, the political geography of the world, literature and music. He was very popular among the students and young people of Gaoshanzi.

Around the time when I was in east Manchuria after my release, Kim Hyok was travelling between Guyushu and Jilin to carry out the assignments given him by the organization. When I went to Dunhua, I gave him the written assignment of preparing to issue a new publication, while guiding the revolutionary organizations

in Jiangdong, Jilin and Xinantun.

A while later, on my way to Kalun from Dunhua where I had been working, I dropped in on Kim Hyok and found that he was carrying out the assignment well. When I told him about the plan I had conceived while in prison and about the work that should be done at Kalun, he became excited and said that he would go at once with me to Kalun. I told him to follow me later after carrying out his assignment. He was very sorry to hear that, but he remained in Xinantun and accelerated the preparation of a new publication; then he came to Kalun.

After the meeting at Kalun we stepped up the preparation of a new publication in real earnest. Now that establishing a new revolutionary line had become the order of the day, and now that the first Party organization with a mission to mobilize the masses for its implementation had been formed, the issuing of a publication to play the role of the Party organization's ideological mouthpiece had become a most pressing task.

With a clear understanding of this need, Kim Hyok, even after his arrival in Kalun, worked day and night preparing the manuscripts for the publication. The publication was called Bolshevik at his suggestion. We planned to publish Bolshevik in bulletin form for the purpose of equipping the masses with the revolutionary idea and then, after making full material preparations, to enlarge it into a newspaper and increase its circulation. On July 10, 1930 the inaugural issue of Bolshevik was finally published. It was circulated to the branch organizations of the Young Communist League and the Anti - Imperialist Youth League, many other anti - Japanese revolutionary organizations and to groups of the Korean Revolutionary Army, as well as to schools under our control to be used as teaching material. An explanation of my report at Kalun was also carried in the bulletin. Bolshevik played an extremely important role in giving publicity to the policy adopted at the Kalun Meeting. After a while the monthly bulletin became a weekly newspaper to meet the requirements of the readers and the developing revolutionary situation.

As the first editor of Bolshevik, Kim Hyok, before he left Kalun, stayed up almost every night, writing articles for publication. He was fired with enthusiasm and had hardly any rest. He went to Harbin at the head of a group of the Korean Revolutionary Army early in August 1930. Having worked mainly in Jilin, Changchun, Liuhe, Xingjing, Huaide and Yitong, he was nearly a stranger to Harbin. I myself hardly knew about the situation in this city, either.

While we were in Jilin, we realized the importance of Harbin. The city had a large industrial population. In order to go among the working class, it was necessary to venture into large cities like Changchun and Harbin and develop our strength there. As was demonstrated by the struggle against the construction of the Jilin - Hoeryong railway and the struggle against the treacherous anti-Soviet acts of the warlords in attacking the Zhongdong railway, the workers, students and other young people of that city had a strong revolutionary spirit. If proper organizational lines were laid in such a city, many people could be organized.

We considered Harbin important also because the liaison office of the Comintern was in the city. The Young Communist League organization under the Comintern was also in that city, and it maintained relations with the Young Communist League which I had formed at Yuwen Middle School in Jilin. In order to contact the Comintern, it was imperative to establish a channel in this city for free access to it. The main purpose of sending Kim Hyok to Harbin was to enlarge our revolutionary organization in that city and establish a liaison with the Comintern. I still remember Kim Hyok who, unable to hide his excitement, cheerfully accepted that task we gave him. It was Kim Kwang Ryol (Kim Ryol) who wrote a letter of introduction for him to the Comintern.

When bidding me farewell, Kim Hyok held my hand in his for a long time. Though he used to accept and carry out instantly any task we gave him, regardless of its importance, he was always reluctant to part with us when going on a mission on his own. He liked to work with many comrades. He hated loneliness more than anything else.

Once I said to him that it was a good idea for a poet to experience solitude frequently as a part of his literary endeavours, and asked him why he was afraid of being alone. He answered frankly that, when he had wandered in indignation, solitude had been a good companion, but now that he no longer did so, he did not like it. He said that after a few months of solitude in Jiangdong he found it interesting to work among his friends in Kalun, sitting up all night, and he was sorry to be parting from us.

I gripped his hand and said, as if coaxing a child, "Kim Hyok, we have to part with each other because we are working for the revolution. When you are back from Harbin, let us go to east Manchuria and work there together." Kim Hyok smiled a lonely smile.

"Song Ju, don't worry about matters in Harbin. I will carry out the task given me by the organization at all costs and come back to you comrades. When you go to east Manchuria, please make sure that I am the first you call."

That was the last time I bid him farewell. After parting with him, I myself felt lonely.

It was towards the end of 1927 that our line began to stretch into Harbin. At that time several students who had been working their way through Jilin Middle School No. 1 had a battle with the teacher of history, a reactionary, who had insulted the Korean nation. They left the school and ran away to Harbin. Among them were some members of the Ryugil Association of Korean Students which was under our guidance.

We gave them the assignment of forming an organization in Harbin. They organized the Korean Students Friendship Society and a reading circle, centred on

the Korean students at the Harbin Academy, Harbin Higher Technical School and Harbin Medical College.

With the hardcore elements of these organizations the Harbin branch of the Anti-Imperialist Youth League was formed in the autumn of 1928, and then the Harbin branch of the Young Communist League of Korea early in 1930. In every holiday season we sent Han Yong Ae on a mission to guide the organizations in Harbin. It was thanks to these organizations that the students and young people of Harbin waged a massive struggle in response to the campaign against the construction of the Jilin - Hoery - ong railway.

There were many stalwart young people in the revolutionary organizations in Harbin. Comrade So Chol, now a member of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee, was working in the Harbin branch of the Young Communist League at the time.

When the group of the Korean Revolutionary Army under the command of Kim Hyok arrived in Harbin, the atmosphere in the city was dreadful. Even such legitimate organizations as the students' friendship society and the reading circle had been forced underground. The Young Communist League and other underground organizations had to remain very secretive. Kim Hyok discussed with the comrades in the city how to protect the organizations and their members. At his suggestion all the revolutionary organizations in the city were divided into small groups and sent deep underground.

Together with the members of the armed group, Kim Hyok went deep among the dockers, students and other people of different strata and worked hard to explain to them the policy that had been adopted at the Kalun Meeting. On the strength of his organizational skill and audacity, he educated the young people, enlarged the organizations, made preparations for the formation at grassroots level of party organizations and pressed on with the procurement of weapons. He also established contact with the liaison office of the Comintern, despite the enemy's strict surveillance.

Kim Hyok rendered distinguished service in improving work in Harbin. In charge of one district, he worked hard, moving in all directions. But at a secret rendezvous in Daoli in the city he encountered the enemy who surprised him and fell upon him. Having exchanged fire with the enemy, he jumped from the third floor of the building he was in, resolved to die. But his iron - like physique betrayed his resolve. Having failed in his suicide attempt, he was captured by the enemy and taken to Lushun prison. After suffering cruel torture and persecution he died in prison.

Kim Hyok, along with Paek Sin Han, was a prominent young man from the first revolutionary generation who gave his life and youth for the sake of the country and nation. The death of the talented Kim Hyok at a time when a comrade in the revolution was worth his weight in gold was a heart - rending loss to our revolution. At the news of his capture I spent many sleepless nights. Later, when I went

to Harbin, grief - stricken, I walked the streets and the dock where Kim Hyok had trodden, and quietly I sang a song he had composed.

Kim Hyok, like Cha Kwang Su and Pak Hun, had joined hands with us after wandering foreign lands far away from his homeland in pursuit of the path Korea should follow. Cha Kwang Su had written to him about us when he was wasting his life sighing, eating another's salt at a lodging house in the French concession in Shanghai. "Don't waste your valuable life in Shanghai. Come to Jilin and here you will find the leader, the theory and the movement you are seeking. Jilin is an ideal place for you!..." Cha Kwang Su had written to him not once, but three or four times. That was how he had come to us. Having inspected the city of Jilin over several days after making our acquaintance, Kim Hyok had said, as he gripped my hand, "Song Ju, I will drop my anchor here. My life starts from now."

It was when they were studying in Tokyo, Japan, that Cha Kwang Su and Kim Hyok had become bosom friends. I still remember Kim Hyok leading the song Internationale and shedding tears when we were forming the Young Communist League.

That day Kim Hyok took me by the hand and said in the following vein: Once I took part in a demonstration with some Chinese students in Shanghai. When I saw them marching the streets, shouting anti - Japanese slogans, I became excited and jumped into the ranks of the demonstrators. When the demonstration was frustrated, I returned to my lodging, wondering what was to be done next, what was to be done the following day. As I belonged to no political party or organization, there was nobody to tell me where to gather or what to do the next day, or to tell me how to fight. While demonstrating I thought how good it would be if there was somebody who would shout "Forward!" to me when I was discouraged during the demonstration, how encouraging it would be if I had an organization and a leader to tell me what I should do the following day as I was going home after the demonstration, how happy I would be if I had comrades who, if I was shot and fell, would call "Kim Hyok!" "Kim Hyok!" as they wept over me, and how good it would be if they were Koreans in a Korean organization. I was haunted by these thoughts even when I was marching towards the enemy's guns, but here in Jilin, how fortunate I am to meet such fine comrades! I can hardly express my feeling of pride now that I have become a member of the Young Communist League! He spoke his mind without affectation. He always said that it was the greatest happiness in his life that he had found good comrades. Because of the life he had led, he composed the Star of Korea and disseminated it among the revolutionary organizations.

At first I knew nothing about it. On my visit to Xinantun I found some young people there singing the song.

Kim Hyok had discussed the matter with Cha Kwang Su and Choe Chang Gol without my knowledge and spread the song in Jilin and in the surrounding area. At first I rebuked them severely for singing a song which compared me to a star.

Around the time the song Star of Korea was being spread, my comrades changed my name and began to call me Han Byol. They changed my name despite my protests and called me Han Byol, meaning "One Star."

It was Pyon Tae U and other public - minded people in Wujiazi and such young communists as Choe Il Chon who proposed to change my name into Kim Il Sung. Thus I was called by three names. Song Ju, Han Byol and Il Sung.

Kim Song Ju is the name my father gave me. When I was a child I was called Jung Son. My great - grandmother called me Jung Son, and the rest of my family followed suit.

As I was very fond of the name my father gave me, I did not like to be called by another name. Still less did I tolerate the people extolling me by comparing me to a star or the sun; it did not befit me, young man. But my comrades would not listen to me, no matter how sternly I rebuked them for it or argued against it. They were fond of calling me Kim Il Sung, although they knew that I did not like it.

It was in the spring of 1931 when I spent some three weeks in prison, having been arrested by the warlords in Guyushu, that the name Kim Il Sung appeared in the press for the first time. Until that time most of my acquaintances had called me by my real name, Song Ju.

It was in later years when I started the armed struggle in east Manchuria that I was called by one name, Kim Il Sung, by my comrades. These comrades upheld me as their leader, even giving me a new name and singing a song about me. Thus they expressed their innermost feelings.

They upheld me with such enthusiasm in spite of the fact that I was much younger than they were and my record of struggle was short, because they had learned a serious lesson from the movement of the previous generation in which various parties and factions, behaving as if they alone were heroes, and without a centre of unity and solidarity, ruined the revolutionary movement through factional strife, and because they had felt to the marrow of their bones that in order to win back the country the twenty million Korean people must unite, and that in order to unite in mind and purpose they must have a centre of leadership, a centre of unity.

So it is with a strong feeling of affection that I remember Kim Hyok, Cha Kwang Su and Choe Chang Gol, not because they composed a song about me and upheld me as their leader, but because they were forerunners who ushered in an era of true unity, the pride and glory of our people and the genuine source of their unfathomable strength, the unity which our nation had been unable to achieve in spite of their burning desire for it, and also because these forerunners, at the cost of their blood, created a new history of unity and cohesion in which the leader and the masses were fused into a harmonious whole in the communist movement of our country.

The communists of the new generation, my comrades in the revolution, had never

feuded because they knew no lust for position, and they never broke our unity, our lifeblood, on account of any difference in opinion. In our ranks unity and cohesion were the touchstone by which we judged genuine revolutionaries. Therefore, they safeguarded unity even when they were in prison or on the gallows. They handed it down as a treasure to the communists of the next generation.

That was their first historic achievement. The noble and beautiful spirit of the communists of that generation who upheld their leader and united behind him has become a great tradition of unity which is now called single-hearted unity by our Party.

From the days when the young communists, upholding their leader and united behind him in mind and purpose, developed the revolutionary struggle, the national liberation struggle in Korea put an end to factional strife and confusion, and began a new chapter.

More than half a century has passed since Kim Hyok left us. But the image of Kim Hyok who worked through many a night and made his way through the biting wind in Manchuria, enduring hunger and frostbite, is still vivid in my memory.

If he were alive by our side, he could do a lot of work. Whenever I find myself facing a trial or a crisis on the path of our revolution, I think of Kim Hyok, our close comrade who made his youth glorious through his struggle, fired with love for the country, and I grieve over him, who left us so early.

We have set up a bust of Kim Hyok in the front row of the Revolutionary Martyrs Cemetery on Mt. Taesong in order to convey his image to posterity for ever. Because he left no photograph and because all his contemporaries passed away, no one knew what he looked like. The sculptors had difficulty in making a bust of him, so I described him to them so that they could complete the bust.

The building of a party organization put forward as an important task at the Kalun Meeting was started with the formation of the Society for Rallying Comrades, the first party heroic struggle and at the cost of the precious blood shed by them that the Korean People's Revolutionary Army came into the world as a permanent revolutionary armed force.

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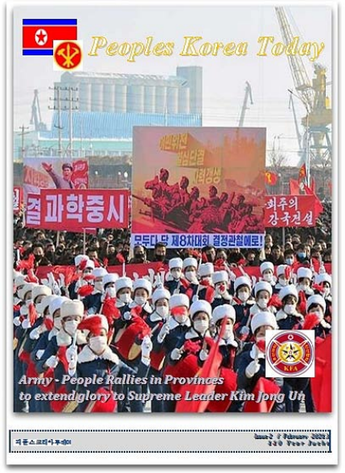

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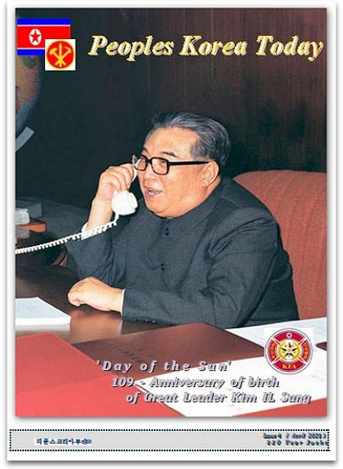

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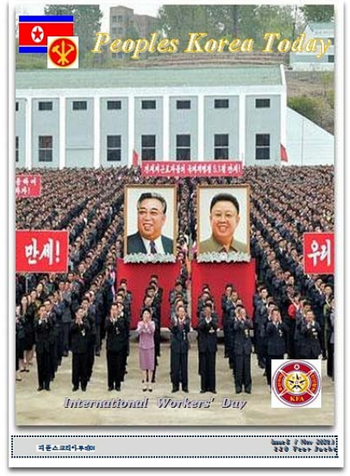

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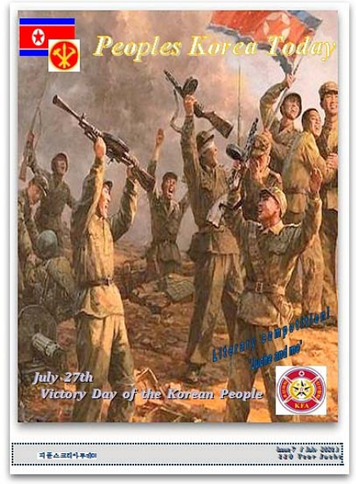

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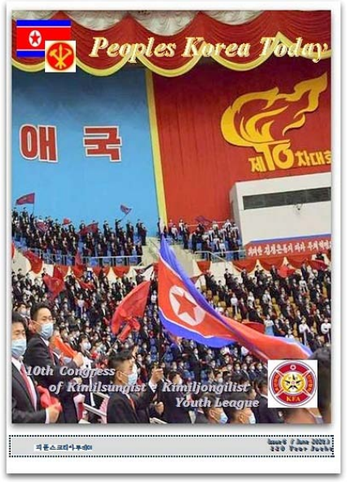

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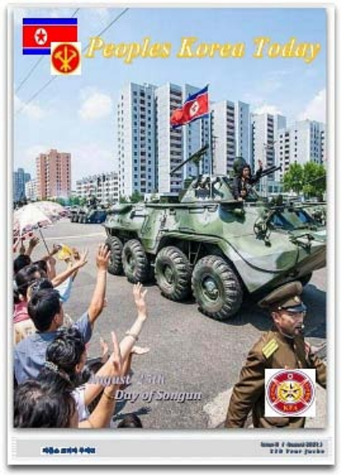

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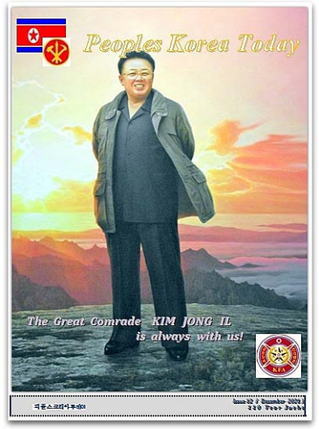

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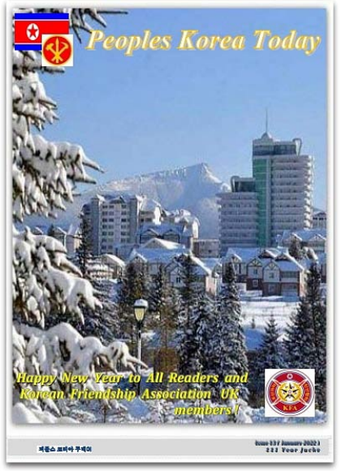

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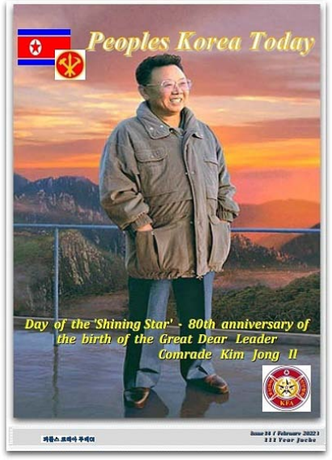

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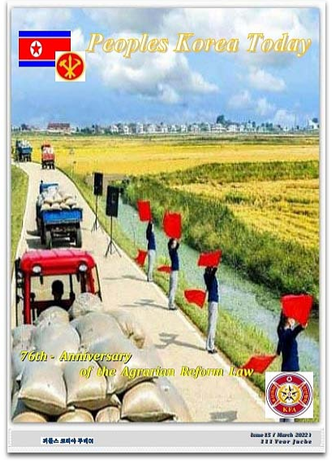

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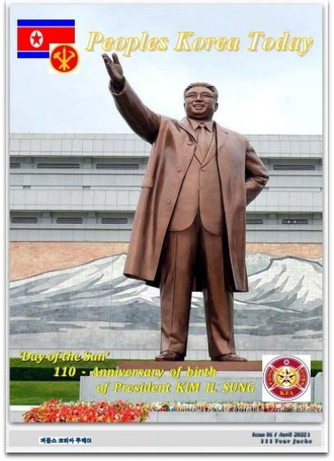

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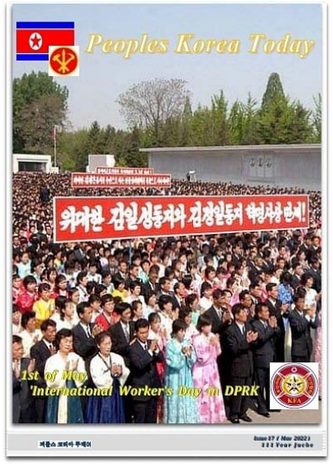

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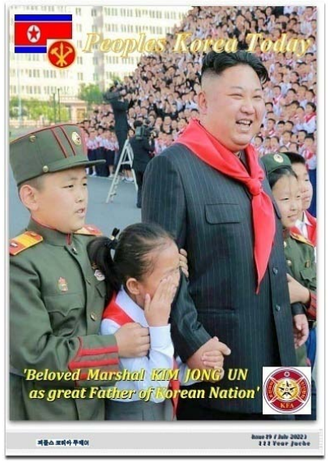

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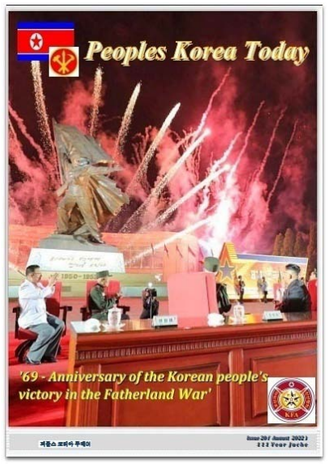

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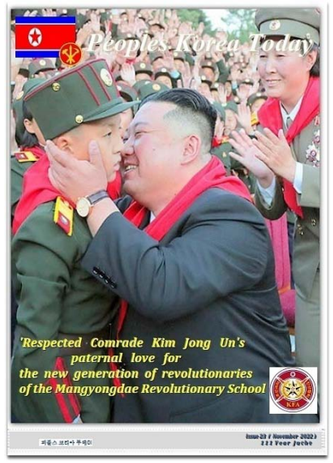

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January

8th of January
Marshal KIM JONG UN's birthday

February

8th of February
Foundation of Korean People's Army as a regular and standing revolutionary armed force

16th of February
Day of the 'Shining Star' Anniversary of the Birth of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL

March

5th of March
Anniversary of Agrarian Reform Law

8th of March
International women's Day

April

25th of April
'Day of the Sun' anniversary of the birth of the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG
Foundation of the KPA as the Korean Revolutionary Army

27th of April
Anniversary of Panmunjom Inter - Korean Summit

May

1st of May
'International Worker's Day'

June

25th of June
Anniversary of the provocation of the Fatherland Liberation War by the US imperialists

July

8th of July
Anniversary of the passing away of the Great Leader KIM IL SUNG

17th of July
Anniversary of the award of the title of Marshal to Respected Comrade KIM JONG UN

27th of July
Anniversary of victory in 'Fatherland Liberation War'

August

15th of August
'Day of Songun'
(start of the Songun revolutionary leadership of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL)

September

9th of September
Foundation of the Republic Day

22nd of September
Anniversary of the passing away of the anti - Japanese Heroine and Mother of Korea, Madame KIM JONG SUK

October

10th of October
Party Foundation Day

17th of October
Anniversary of foundation of 'Down with Imperialism Union'

November

13th of November
Not a DPRK anniversary but anniversary of the foundation of the Korean Friendship Association

29th of November
Anniversary of 'Hwasong - 15' test fire

December

17th of December
Anniversary of the passing away of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL

24th of December
Anniversary of the Birth of Madame KIM JONG SUK
Anniversary of the appointment of the Great Leader Comrade KIM JONG IL as a Korean People's Army Supreme Commander

30rd of December
Anniversary of the appointment of Marshal KIM JONG UN as a Korean People's Army Supreme Commander